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**JOHN AGRESCO '67 WANTED
TO HELP IRAQIS RESTORE
THEIR UNIVERSITIES, HE GOT
AN EDUCATION**

PROLOGUE

EMPIRE STATE

IRAQ CAME INTO BEING BECAUSE THE OTTOMAN Empire backed the wrong side in World War I, and when the fighting ended Britain and France divvied up the Turkish dominion, and one of the tidbits—declared a British mandate by the helpful League of Nations—was a piece of Mesopotamia that comprised the independent provinces of Basra, Baghdad, and Mosul (Shia, mixed, and Kurd, respectively); and the British, under a doctrine with the counterintuitive name “unite and rule,” bound these into “Iraq”—a native colloquialism used to describe the southern Mesopotamian river delta.

After the British and French, the central beneficiary of this sectoring was the Arabian Hashemite clan, led by Hussein bin Ali, who began the war an Ottoman subject and middling tribal leader in what is now western Saudi Arabia, but who, guided by T.E. Lawrence, declared rebellion against Istanbul. In return, Hussein expected the Allies to one day reward him with a hunk of Ottoman Empire large enough to accommodate a Hashemite empire from the Persian Gulf to the Mediterranean that he would rule along with his two oldest sons—“three wee kings of Orient,” as one British wit put it. The Brits had other ideas. Hussein was allowed to declare himself monarch of his home territory, while his son Abdullah received the kingdom of Transjordan (where Hussein soon took refuge after the Saud family chased him from the peninsula). For his part, Faisal, Hussein’s younger son, received the kingdom of Syria without being told that Britain had several years earlier secretly ceded the place to the French. Faisal got out of Damascus just ahead of French artillery shells and, after months of remonstrations with the British, received the consolation prize of Iraq. The British had to then clear a path to his crowning by bombing mutinous Kurdish and Arab villages and arresting and deporting for life Faisal’s most able “Iraqi” competitor for the throne, on the grounds that he had said something seditious at a dinner party. “Feisal [sic] offers hope of best and cheapest solution,” cabled War Secretary Winston Churchill to Prime Minister David Lloyd George. Shortly thereafter, a local plebiscite was held under British administration, and Faisal—who in photographs of the time has the look of an Orthodox rabbinical student who’s just been told that Passover vacation has been cancelled—received the endorsement of 96 percent of those queried as to his royal suitability, a proportion that would stand as a Mesopotamian election record until Saddam Hussein began racking up more than 99 percent of the vote some decades later.

EMPIRES HAD, OF COURSE, BEEN PART OF MESOPOTAMIAN history for millennia, and in 1922, a year after Faisal came ashore in Basra under British protection, that history was extended backward past 2600 B.C., with the discovery of the city of Ur, part of the lost Kingdom of Sumer, beneath a sand-covered mound some 220 miles south of Baghdad. Its “digger” (as he liked to refer to himself) was C. Leonard Woolley, a brilliant British Museum archaeologist who would spend 12 years at Ur, unearthing a civilization that featured music, schools, ambassadors, historians, jokes, epics, laments, temples, trade regulations, laws protecting widows and orphans, and technological innovations such as the potter’s wheel (but not, as was once claimed, the vehicular wheel). Their most important innovation, of course, and the one that allows us to know much of what we know about the Sumerians, was a form of writing called cuneiform that replaced cumbersome pictograms with abstracted “letters” that could be used to convey infinite varieties of meaning.

The exact range of the Sumerian empire is not known, but its kings exercised influence in just about every piece of territory later coveted by Hussein bin Ali, and the kingdom itself lasted for some 800 years. And then the sands covered it over for 4,000 years, a matter that ought to have given pause to Churchill and Lloyd George but probably didn’t.

In 1936, a citizen of the realm and a member of the Indian Imperial Police named George Orwell did pause to consider the meaning of imperial rule, when he wrote a brief elucidation of the subject titled “Shooting An Elephant.” It begins, “In Moulmein, in lower Burma, I was hated by large numbers of people.” The essay then describes how ordinary villagers, out of a combination of mischief and boredom, one day baited Orwell, a “sub-divisional police officer,” into shooting an elephant that didn’t need shooting—a fact that Orwell recognized before he raised his rifle. “I watched him beating his bunch of grass against his knees, with that preoccupied grandmotherly air that elephants have. It seemed to me that it would be murder to shoot him.” Orwell, however, committed the murder, firing three shots to bring the elephant down, and then in a fury of remorse and anger, “poured shot after shot into [the wounded elephant’s] heart and down his throat.” And still the beast didn’t die. Of the ultimate fate of the man who represents empire, Orwell concluded, “He wears a mask, and his face grows to fit it.”

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—BEN BIRNBAUM

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LETTERS

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

I greatly appreciated Brian Doyle's essay on Francis Sweeney, SJ ("A Paper Life," Fall 2006). In 1958-59, I had the benefit of being in his rhetoric class, where he endeavored not only to teach good writing but to civilize a gaggle of young men who were largely from around Boston and who'd had little exposure to fine writing and the arts. I treasured the opportunity to meet with Robert Frost and other men and women of letters he brought to campus. I would guess that somewhere in the files that Mr. Doyle researched there are letters from former students through the years, mine included.

Robert W. Magner '62

Arlington, Virginia

In my senior year, I had a work-study job as Francis Sweeney's assistant in the Humanities Series office. He would dictate breezy letters to Susan Sontag or Alec Guinness, and I would take them down in longhand. While Francis made a few phone calls, I typed them on the IBM Selectric. When he reviewed my work, every "tsk" denoted another typographical error.

Francis usually arrived at the office late in the morning. With nothing much to do beforehand, I read the old correspondence files, the same ones that were the subject of Brian Doyle's recent article. I felt like an archaeologist uncovering Tutankhamen's tomb.

Jack J. Crowe '82

Oak Park, Illinois

I was recently cleaning out my attic and came upon my dog-eared paperback copy of *The Immortal Poems of the English Language*, from freshman English. After 40 years, I can still recall substantial portions of some of the poems Fr. Sweeney required us to analyze and memorize ("That's my last Duchess painted on the wall, Looking as if she were alive...."). I thought it a waste of time, but came to realize not too many years afterward that exposure to them was a valuable gift. I

remember Sweeney, when faced with a student who was not prepared, dramatically raising a hand to his brow and admonishing, "If I had my health, I'd flog you." Classic Sweeney.

Tom Falwell '68

Arlington, Massachusetts

As one of Fr. Sweeney's many assistants over the years, I had the pleasure also of delving through his files. I am not tall and the piles in his room were not short.

Since Fr. Sweeney's death my memories of him have been blocked by two of my final visits with him. In one instance, I went to see him early in his stay at the hospital. He tried to maintain his poise, but shortly into the visit he became upset, asked me to leave, and said I should not have come. It was difficult to see him not well. I visited him once or twice after this at Campion Center, the Jesuits' retirement home, never staying long. On the last visit, I helped him write a letter, in my own longhand. Working on it revived the comfortable back-and-forth we had when I was in his employ at St. Mary's Hall. As I was leaving, Fr. Sweeney called to me from across the room. I stopped in the doorway and turned. "I am proud of you, Colin," he said.

Fr. Sweeney died several weeks later. Since then, my memories have toggled between his grandfatherly praise, given at Campion, and his upset state, in the hospital. Mr. Doyle's article has cut this loop and brought back how much I enjoyed the excitement of searching through his correspondence, finding letters from the names mentioned in the article, and wondering what other letters lay beneath the next layer of paper. Fr. Sweeney's friendship colored my experience at Boston College with a cloth of gold.

J. Colin Sullivan '96

Charlestown, Massachusetts

I got to know Fr. Francis Sweeney by cataloguing and inventorying his papers as an archivist in the Burns Library. There is

something a bit eerie in seeing a person's life captured in neatly indexed and archived folders.

After processing the Humanities Series papers, I shelved those gray boxes in the stacks, and I remember an odd sort of feeling seeing all 65 of them there. It was like visiting a cemetery where the intellectual life of an individual is laid to rest. I have processed papers of other faculty members, but it never felt quite the same as working with Fr. Sweeney's papers. The individual letters are so full of life and color, they seem to want to be read and researched.

*Edward Copeuhagen
Cambridge, Massachusetts*

Mr. Copeuhagen was an assistant archivist at Boston College from 1999 to 2006.

LAUGH THERAPY

I was delighted to see Paul Lewis's "No Kidding" (Fall 2006), on the Association for Applied and Therapeutic Humor. It brought back delightful memories of training with humor therapist Loretta Laroche in 1993 at Harvard Medical School's Mind/Body Institute. My humor therapy book, *The Dis-Appointment Book: A Humor Therapy Guide to Conquering Disappointments*, was published in 2006.

*Amy Shapiro, M.Ed. '77
Gloucester, Massachusetts*

BOTH SIDES

Alan Wolfe's call for a "civilizing politics" ("A Moderate Proposal," Fall 2006) would have carried more weight if it weren't so obvious that he wants conservatives to get more moderate, but sees no need for liberals to do so.

Mr. Wolfe refers to conservative commentators like Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter. I listen to Limbaugh and I read Coulter. Coulter in particular can definitely get bombastic. But why is there no complaint from Wolfe about the extremist voices that come from the left?

*Michael W. Lyons, MBA/JD '82
Norwalk, Connecticut*

Alan Wolfe's essay should be required reading for the newly elected and reelected members of the U.S. Congress, governors, mayors, selectmen, members of city and

town councils, and every registered voter. His comment that "moderation in politics makes progress possible" is the nub. The near-complete lack of communication between Republicans and Democrats in recent years has fostered a terrible cynicism among ordinary American citizens.

It is up to Americans to break their shells of political cynicism, pay more attention to the way elections are held, and start a democracy protection movement.

*Thomas H. Alton '80
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

The Works and Days article "The Wrangler" (Fall 2006) tells about South Park producer Anne Garefino '81. A South Park episode lumped all priests as homosexually active fools, while the pope slept. The program has been unbelievably vulgar.

*Rev. John M. Toomey
Medford, Massachusetts*

LAND PLANS

Re Ben Birnbaum's article "Tomorrowland" (Fall 2006): Open green space can be the life of a university—space to walk through,

to sit in the sun and relax or read a book or study. Please do not encroach on the Dustbowl by enclosing it with buildings. The Dustbowl is a landmark, and one of the very few open green space areas on campus. No question, the proposed expansion plans for Boston College are great. But why not move a few of the proposed buildings across Commonwealth Avenue to the new campus?

*Joseph P. Keating '36
Natick, Massachusetts*

I'm a lifelong Brighton resident and old enough to remember seeing national- and world-class track and field at Boston College, in particular the BC Relays. Perhaps my question is trivial in the larger scope of things, but where is the new 400-meter track promised when Alumni Stadium was renovated?

*John Ellis '06
Boston, Massachusetts*

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Submissions must be original and unpublished works of 250 words or less. The editors are looking for true tales, entertaining or affecting or both. The winning entry will be published in the Summer 2007 issue of *BCM*, and the author will receive an award of \$250. Other entries may also be selected for publication, and appropriate awards will be made in those instances.

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CAMPUS DIGEST

With 14 award winners in 2006, Boston College was again listed among the nation's top 20 developers of Fulbright scholars. ¶ In response to student complaints, the University convened a committee to develop protocols for reporting and responding to campus incidents that appear to involve racial animosity. ¶ An association of college business officers released figures that show Boston College's endowment increased by 14 percent (to \$1,447,887,000) in the fiscal year that ended on June 30, outpacing Harvard's 13.5 percent growth but not approaching Creighton University's nation-leading 46.9 percent. ¶ Dean of Student Development Bob Sherwood joined the Alumni Association staff to work with the 40,000 or so graduates who over the past 20 years have known him as the popular (on most days) supreme ruler of student life. ¶ The January 20 "Police Blotter" reported the delivery to medical personnel of "an underage intoxicated party who jumped into a police cruiser thinking that it was a taxi." ¶ Tom O'Brien became the Boston College football coach with the most wins (75) and then decamped to North Carolina State University and was replaced by Jeff Jagodzinski, most recently offensive coordinator of the Green Bay Packers, who has five children, all of whose names begin with "J." ¶ Three of 25 recently discovered paintings purported to be by Jackson Pollock and scheduled to be part of an

exhibit next fall at the McMullen Museum were determined by Harvard researchers to contain materials that were not commercially available during Pollock's life. Museum director Nancy Netzer said the show would go on, with the aim of presenting all known scholarship about the paintings. ¶ A *Heights* column that discloses the contents of local ipods reported that 51-year-old theology professor Stephen Pope's device hosted Paul Simon's "America," Bob Marley's "No Woman No Cry," B.B. King's "Why I Sing the Blues," and the Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again," among other *Hair*-era classics. ¶ Former CSOM dean and academic vice president Jack Neuhauser was appointed president of St. Michael's College, in Vermont. ¶ The Fulton Debating Society was ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation—at 14th or 24th, depending on the poll. ¶ Campus conservation efforts in 2005–06 were reported to have reduced annual energy use by 10 million kilowatts (or 15 percent) from the previous year. ¶ In an effort to increase the proportion of students who respond to an online faculty review system introduced last semester, the Office of Student Services offered contributors early online access to grades and saw participation rates rise from 30 to 90 percent. ¶ In fulfillment of an art course requirement, Elizabeth Stapleton '08 spent 90 minutes of midday in a self-constructed cage of copper wire on the floor of the



STUDIORUM 24—Katherine Coughlin '08 (left) and Shannon Flynn '08 (right) prepare for finals in Bapst Library's Gargan Hall on December 11. Access was extended to 24 hours a day after Thanksgiving—Sundays through Thursdays during the semester and every day during exams. Students may travel the main stairwell to Gargan or visit the basement, where vending machines have been added. Adeane Bregman, head librarian at Bapst, says that the high point thus far was 1 A.M. on December 7, when 157 students were counted in the 220-seat reading room. At no time has the room been empty.

lobby outside the Bookstore in McElroy Commons. She asked passersby to write their fears on slips of paper and pass the notes to her. ☑ The MBTA raised rates from \$1.25 to \$2 per ride and eliminated free outbound transportation on the above-ground portion of the B Line that had for years benefited students living in Brighton. ☑ Of 166 faculty and staff who reserved seats online for a showing of a movie on the history of women at Boston College, 12 were men. ☑ For the third year running, UGBC did not mount a major fall concert, and its director of campus entertainment, Ryan McHaffie '07, did a credible Sam Goldwyn in rebuffing questions from the *Heights*: “I’m not gonna force my hand by booking a crummy act

just because we don’t have any [open] dates [in Conte Forum.]” ☑ Men’s water polo, a club sport since it lost varsity status in 1998, led the North Atlantic division of the Collegiate Water Polo Association and finished the year bobbing at number 18 in the nation. ☑ Boston College implemented a donors-to-athletics-only purchase rule for season tickets covering 1,200 of the best viewing points in Alumni Stadium. ☑ Senior Jennifer Arens raised money for charity by selling her friends the rights to shave her head. ☑ In an online poll, *Heights* readers narrowly backed Barack Obama over John McCain for president, with Doug Flutie '84 finishing third. ☑ The world’s most informed baseball reporter Peter Gammons was among guest

speakers, as was another eminence, Boston’s Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM, who met privately with students in the Gasson Hall Honors Library. Also trodding the campus boards: Michael Newdow, who sued his daughter’s California school district on grounds that the phrase “under God” in recitations of the Pledge of Allegiance violated the Establishment Clause; and Susan Shapiro Barash, author of *Tripping the Prom Queen: The Truth About Women and Rivalry*, who told her Fulton Hall audience, “Women aren’t in it together as much as they pretend to be.” *Ben Birnbaum*

For more on these stories, go to the online links at <http://bcm.bc.edu/digest>.



Seated at table, from left: Robert Diamant, economic education specialist for the New York Fed, Margaret Walton '08, Genna Ghoul '07 (obscured), Nikki Tyler '07, Andrew Varani '07, Christina Aylward '07, and the judges, Jeffrey Lacker, Laurence Meyer (obscured), and Charles Evans

What would Ben do?

by Cara Feinberg

Student economists have
their say

On November 28, the day of the national championship, four teams of students, representing four universities, arrived at the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank in Washington, D.C., dressed for business. Uniformed guards led the students to a lofty, white marble atrium flanked by a pair of brass-banistered staircases, both ascending to the same massive teak double doors. The final round of the 2006 College Fed Challenge, a test of economics savvy administered by some of the nation's most influential economists, would take place behind those doors—in the grand chandeliered room where, eight times a year, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) chaired by Ben S. Bernanke determines the nation's monetary policy.

Earlier in the month, BC's team of undergraduate economics majors had bested the teams of Harvard, Dartmouth, Tufts, and several other colleges and uni-

versities to take first place in the New England regional round. Now they would compete against fellow finalists from Northwestern, Rutgers-Newark, and Virginia Commonwealth. It was BC's first trip to the national competition. The challenge, simply put: Advise the Fed on whether to take steps to raise, cut, or maintain interest rates at its next meeting. The students were expected to draw economic forecasts from real variables—including inflation, employment, and wage rates, new construction, consumer debt, manufacturing inventories and investment, and international trade. The first national undergraduate Challenge took place in 2004, with the aim of promoting advanced study and careers in economics.

In a drawing held the night before, BC's name had been plucked from a hat as the first group to compete. The other teams were sequestered in "holding areas,"

small reading rooms lined with leather-bound volumes containing the minutes from past FOMC meetings; the door to each room was guarded by a security officer in the corridor.

AMONG THE OTHER, MALE-DOMINATED teams, BC stood out with its four women and two men. "It's not the way we planned it, it's the way it happened," says Associate Professor of Economics Robert Murphy, who coached the group with department colleague Fabio Ghironi, an assistant professor who once worked in the research department of the New York Fed. Murphy and Ghironi chose the team's members from among the standout students in their classes, giving three of the six spots to seniors with regional Challenge experience, Genna Ghoul, Nikki Tyler, and Andrew Varani, and allotting the other three spaces to new additions, Christina Aylward '07, Margaret Walton '08, and, as alternate, Jamison Davies '08. "This is a group of incredibly motivated students," says Murphy, who along with Ghironi gave the team research guidance and support but had little to do with their ultimate analyses.

Nearly two months before the regional competition, the BC team began its preparations, poring over newspapers, financial journals, and the minutes of previous FOMC meetings. Each team would be required to make a 20-minute presentation stating and defending its policy recommendation before a panel of three judges. After that would come 15 minutes of judges' questions, ranging over the specifics of the presentation and general economic theory. While Challenge teams have sometimes opted for creative approaches—in a previous competition, Murphy recalls, one group staged a poker game among the FOMC members—BC chose to make a straightforward presentation of the facts. "In the end, it's all about substance," says Varani. "We were presenting to a panel of economists. They tend not to be persuaded by drama or artistic vision."

When the judges entered the room and took their seats across from the BC team, at the very 27-foot mahogany and granite table at which the FOMC regularly assembles, the room immediately fell

quiet. Officiating were Jeffrey Lacker, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and one of the 12 members of the 2006 FOMC; Charles Evans, director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; and Laurence Meyer, a former member of the Fed's Board of Governors. Their names were familiar to the students. "We came across them a lot, either in the newspaper, or in our research," says Tyler, who was too nervous to eat on the day of the competition.

Lacker, midway down the table in Chairman Bernanke's traditional seat, briefly reviewed the format. The team's conclusions need not match those of the actual FOMC, he said, receiving a few laughs from the small audience seated in the rear of the room; over the past four months, as the Fed had left interest rates unchanged, Lacker had been the lone dissenter on the committee, voting repeatedly to raise them.

Note cards in hand, the BC team calmly began their 34-page PowerPoint presentation. Walton opened with an overview of current economic conditions, and for the next 20 minutes, the five teammates took turns directing the judges' attention to line graphs and bullet points projected onto a screen hanging above the boardroom's marble fireplace.

As Aylward explained later, the team had determined that "the risks and pressures balanced each other out." While the economy showed some signs of weakness, notably a cooling housing market, employment growth had remained relatively steady, consistent with a healthy rate of economic activity, and a recession seemed unlikely—so there was "no need" to trigger lower interest rates by reducing the federal funds rate. On the other hand, U.S. households took on a high amount of debt before the current cooldown, and rising unit labor costs, driven largely by wage increases, could cause further inflationary pressures in the future, "so we [couldn't] really raise the rate either," she said.

The team's recommendation: keep the target for the federal funds rate at the current 5.25 percent.

At 4 p.m., after four hours spent in presentations and holding rooms, the teams filed back into the FOMC conference room to await the deliberating judges and

the final results. None would go home empty-handed: Moody's Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Moody's Investors Service, had provided prizes for all of the finalist teams, ranging from \$25,000 to \$5,000—to be split 60/40 between the students and their alma maters.

Taking seats in the plush, high-backed chairs surrounding the conference table, team members whispered and laughed nervously, snapping photos of the half-ton gold and lacquer chandelier above them and the sprawling marble bald eagle carved in relief over the mantle. After meeting privately for about 45 minutes, the judges reappeared. At the welcome dinner the night before, each team had been asked to pose with a blank, oversize cardboard check, feigning pride and glee. The dollar values would be Photoshopped in later, they were told. Now, as the judges announced the awards in reverse order, teams' smiles grew broader with each prize bestowed. In fourth place, Virginia Commonwealth University; in third, Rutgers—Newark. The remaining finalists, BC and Northwestern (whose team had won the competition in the two previous

years) both looked hopeful, but it was BC whose name was called next, as first runner-up, to receive \$15,000. An ecstatic cheer arose from the Northwestern team as they jumped out of their seats and hugged one another, then turned back to applaud their co-competitors. The BC team clapped and stood more slowly, followed gradually by Virginia and Rutgers and the coaches sitting by the boardroom doors, and the room became a swarm of dark suits.

A FEW WEEKS LATER, MURPHY INVITED the BC team to his home for a celebratory dinner. "\$15,000 isn't too bad a deal," he said. "And we know better now what we can work toward next year."

According to Aylward, who hopes to join the Boston Federal Reserve Bank next year as a researcher, all four finalist teams had recommended "leaving the interest rate unchanged." Two weeks after the competition, at the December 12 meeting of the FOMC, the committee—with the exception of Lacker—officially agreed, allowing the rate to stand for the fourth time since August. ■

One-handed cache

by Gregory Mone

From BC chemists, a new pharmaceutical tool

Just as humans have right and left hands and feet, molecules often come in two, essentially mirror-image, variations of each other. These versions often function entirely differently, but there has not been a simple, cost-effective way to produce just one or the other. When it comes to developing drugs, the implications can be profound. In a recent conversation about the phenomenon, Amir Hoveyda, holder of BC's Joseph T. and Patricia Vanderslice Millennium Chair in Chemistry,

cited the chilling example of thalidomide, a morning sickness drug prescribed to pregnant women in Europe in the 1960s. The drug included both right- and left-hand copies of its critical molecule. Unfortunately, says Hoveyda, "One hand cured morning sickness, and the other either killed the unborn infants or caused [them] serious physical damage." Hoveyda and fellow BC chemistry professor Marc Snapper have built a molecule that may resolve this problem.



Snapper (left) and Hoveyda, in Hoveyda's Merkert Chemistry Center lab

Snapper and Hoveyda started collaborating more than a dozen years ago, specializing in the construction of small molecules that promote chemical reactions. Their most recent success is a tiny ring of five atoms (they don't have a name for it, yet) that works as a highly efficient catalyst in creating molecules of uniform chirality, or handedness. The results of their research were published in the September 7, 2006, issue of *Nature*.

Snapper and Hoveyda began their search for a solution to the chirality problem with a little brainstorming, listing the ideal catalyst's potential components. They figured an amino acid base would make sense, because this building block had helped them construct other successful catalysts. A colleague in the chemistry department, Ross Kelly, had shown that hydrogen bonding is important in catalysis, so they tried to incorporate this functionality. Scott Miller, another Boston College chemist at the time, had demonstrated that a class of compounds called imidazoles are also effective in catalysts, so using them in some form seemed natural, too.

The next step: creating a molecule that had all these constituents, and actually did what they wanted it to do. Snapper and Hoveyda screened a succession of newly produced candidates through a kind of molecular casting call, testing thousands

of possibilities. Through the screening, Snapper says, "You harness serendipity."

The catalyst that emerged from the search proved to be both highly effective and versatile. It can make either the left- or right-hand version of a molecule, with a 98 percent conversion rate.

The new molecule is also relatively cheap and easy to manufacture, and incredibly small. Hoveyda says it has only one-tenth the molecular weight of the catalysts he normally works with, and one-thousandth the heft of the industrial versions used by major drug and chemical companies. All of this could translate into serious cost savings for pharmaceutical manufacturers, and lead to the development of drugs that weren't financially viable before. "You could have the best anticancer drug in the world, but if they can't make it in volume so they can sell it, that discovery doesn't mean anything," Hoveyda says. "This catalyst allows people to make one hand with high-selectivity, in an [economical] fashion."

Since submitting their findings to *Nature*, Snapper and Hoveyda have vastly increased the power of the catalyst. Now it kick-starts the same reactions using far less material. "You add almost nothing, and then the reaction goes," Hoveyda says. "It almost gets to magic." ■

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Appearances

by Cara Feinberg

An award-winning English course sifts the 18th century in pictures

Most days, Amy Witherbee teaches her weekly afternoon English class standing in front of a movie screen lit with images of tawdry ladies in petticoats, horse-drawn carriages, and rakish men in white powdered wigs. Seductively titled "Rakes, Harlots, and Gin Alley: The Visual 18th Century," Witherbee's course explores the civilized veneer of British society and the seedy London underworld, looking at the tumultuous 1700s principally through the

works of William Hogarth (1697–1764), the painter and engraver who satirized life in England's grandiose mansions, middle-class homes, jails, brothels, and back alleys.

The idea for the course came to her about a year ago, says Witherbee, an energetic fourth-year Ph.D. student working in Irish, English, and Scottish literatures of the 18th and early 19th centuries. The 18th century, she says, is often approached as an age of prose, "but the fact is, it was

an age of theater and visual images." She wanted to design a course that intertwined the art of Hogarth and contemporaries such as Thomas Gainsborough with Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*, Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, Bernard Mandeville's *The Fable of the Bees*, and articles from the *Tattler* and the *Spectator*. The class might include a field trip to the Otis House Museum, a restored grand home built in 1796 in Boston by Charles Bulfinch, architect to New England's governing class. "I wanted to flip things," Witherbee says. "I wanted to read the image to understand the literature, rather than the other way around."

She presented the idea to the American Society for 18th-Century Studies and received one of the organization's three annual \$500 grants for innovative design, to develop the course further—a rare honor for a graduate student. This past September, she taught the course for the first time, to a class of 16 BC juniors and seniors.

ON A RAINY MONDAY IN OCTOBER, the image on the film screen behind Witherbee was of a young prostitute in London—the first etching in a six-piece Hogarth series tracing the fallen woman's path from upstanding young lady in a bonnet to syphilitic pauper in a casket. Witherbee had scrawled the title of the series, *A Harlot's Progress*, in thin cursive on the blackboard, beside the screen; below it, in capital letters, she had written, "PROGRESS?" "Look at the details of the faces," she said, the projected black-and-white Hogarth image rolling over her extended arm. "What can we learn from the harlot's clothes, her expression, from the crowd gathered behind her?"

Around the U-shaped arrangement of tables in the darkened Gasson Hall classroom, students' hands slowly rose. After the first two suggestions, answers came in rapid-fire succession: "She doesn't want to join the profession," said a young woman in a rain-soaked red fleece; "she had other options—look at her fine gown," said another; "no one else around her in the picture seems to care," said a young man in Boston College sweats; "they're all turning away as if this happens all the time."

Later, Witherbee said that Hogarth's prints addressed developing stresses on

the lineaments of society—race, class, marriage, morality—and that their satire speaks to attitudes of the time. "This is what makes the 18th century so fascinating; we see the unfamiliar become familiar to us with the rise of concepts like capitalism and two-party political systems," she said. "In Hogarth's prints we see many of the same social issues we face today."

Often, Witherbee runs the class as a puzzle game, asking students to decode the prints, using the props in the pictures to investigate the society that produced them. "Where is religion here?" she asks. "What is a monkey doing in print Number 2?"

Witherbee's open-topic homework assignments let students set a course of study. They were asked to write three one-page papers responding to any historical question that arose in class—"how is race addressed in the texts?" or "what does the pottery in the engraving say about the social strata depicted?"—as well as two longer papers on topics of their choice.

After a class discussion about Hogarth's 1749 print *Self-Portrait with Pug*, Clara de Soto '07, an English major, chose to write her first paper about dogs in 18th-century portraiture. Her final paper, on the cat organ—an 18th-century musical instrument (so-called) designed to inflict pain in varying degrees on harnessed kittens to elicit their howls—arose from a passing mention in one of Witherbee's lectures.

LIKE MOST OF HIS CLASSMATES, KYLE Trainor '09, an English and film studies major, was new to Hogarth's work. He had studied 18th-century literature, but Witherbee's Hogarthian lens, he says, "allows you inside instead of just giving you a glimpse. I always thought of that era as stuffy and straitlaced. It turns out that most of the time it was anything but."

For Trainor, that point was driven home the day Witherbee asked the class to stage a scene from Shakespeare's play, *Richard III*, in a classroom recast as the 18th-century Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, in London. As a backdrop, Witherbee projected onto the film screen an engraved print of the theater's interior, and each member of the class was given a slip of paper with an assigned role either as an actor or audience member. The two students who played actors stood in the middle of the room, trying to yell their lines over the insults of hecklers, recalls Trainor. One student was assigned the role of vendor and instructed to sell oranges during the play. Another, a commoner, was told to throw orange peels at the performers.

"Professor Witherbee created an environment that you would have experienced if you were there at that time," says Trainor, who played a lord in the audience. "I've read books about the 18th century, but it took a class like this one for me to see what I was looking at." ■



Witherbee (center, holding coat) and students, at the Otis House Museum on Beacon Hill



Duhamel in the Honors Program Seminar Room, in the mid-1980s

Straight arrow

by Paul Doherty

Pierre Albert Duhamel, 1920–2006

P. Albert Duhamel, professor of English at Boston College from 1949 to 1998, died on October 1, 2006, at the age of 86, of a blood infection. His immediate survivors are his wife, Helen, his daughter, Mary, and two grandchildren, Susan and Jason. At his request there was no funeral service. “Father was opposed to fuss and feathers,” Mary said.

Al was born in Putnam, Connecticut. His ancestry was Canadian; his home language, French. He was a stellar schoolboy. *Bought my first Jowett Plato as a high school soph and won prizes my junior and senior years for philosophical essays.* He graduated from Holy Cross, in 1941.

Following an MA in English from Boston College, he received a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1945 (dissertation subject: Elizabethan rhetoric).

His first teaching post was at the University of Chicago, whose young president, Robert Hutchins, was in the process

of eliminating football, instituting a general education (“great books”) curriculum, and hiring young and enthusiastic faculty. Al approved of all three efforts, especially the third, since he was one of the “whiz kids,” as those new faculty were known. *My happiest moments at Chicago were teaching philosophy—in a staff course which included Adler at meetings.* “Adler” was Mortimer Adler, the eminent intellectual historian and a key influence on Al.

Al returned to Boston College to teach in 1949. Along with Ed Hirsh, he set up the English major and taught the whole range of graduate courses. In 1958, he founded the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program. The curriculum was (and continues to be) the “great books.” In the English Department, “Duhamel’s Shakespeare” was a must-take. Through intellectual history, he unlocked the emotions, ideas, and conventions in the plays —matters strange and wonderful today.

For a time, Al published regularly (often in the *Journal of the History of Ideas*) and was cited regularly by other scholars. The idea he studied most closely was rhetoric. Then, who can say why, he shut down his active scholarly life and became, for want of a better description, a man of letters. (He would wince at that characterization, but in fact it’s pretty accurate.)

He was reading just about everything. He had a show on public television, *I’ve Been Reading*, in which he interviewed authors of recently published books. He became the book-review editor of the *Boston Herald*. He was invited to join venerable downtown eating clubs. *Forgive me, but I surfaced where BC never went—WGBH, Somerset, Tavern.* He served on Pulitzer Prize committees for several years. In 1980, a series of lectures he delivered at the Boston Public Library was published entitled *After Strange Fruit: Changing Literary Taste in Post-World War II Boston* (the last book to be banned in Boston had been Lillian Smith’s novel *Strange Fruit*, in 1945). Al cheered the end of censorship. “No longer can a small group, representing a segment of the community taste prevent the circulation of a book they find offensive,” he said. But he worried too. The first two decades of freedom for readers had provided much evidence of the public’s appalling lack of taste. Al’s instincts were conservative; he preferred cultural practices that survived by altering slowly over time, rather than new and sudden enthusiasms.

Al’s bearing was formal and not notably cheerful. Dark-suited dignity. Even as he embraced you, he kept you at arm’s length. *French Canadians are boorish, broody, and never comfortable except when “en famille.”* His own rhetoric was not the public kind he wrote about, the kind that argues strenuously for or against this or that, all brass and clanging cymbal. It was softer, the kind that listens, that holds persons more dear than opinions or even ideas. He heeded, as Lear should have but didn’t, Fool’s advice:

Have more than thou shovest,
Speak less than thou knowest.

“Duke” was a name that students had for him. “Prince Albert” was another. Royal nicknames. Not bad.

Boston College understood his impor-

tance. He held BC's first endowed chair, as Philomatheia Professor of English. In 1984, President J. Donald Monan, SJ, chose him to be the faculty speaker at the dedication of O'Neill Library. And in 1987, the English department sponsored a symposium to honor the 25th anniversary of the publication of *Rhetoric: Principles and Usage*, which he wrote with department colleague Dick Hughes. (Al did his best to nix the event.) Speakers praised the book as a breakthrough, as the first textbook to propose that the least prestigious course of all, freshman composition, had, in classical rhetoric, a distinguished tradition.

When Al retired from the English department in 1990, he returned part-time to the Honors Program. Once again he taught the first year course—from the Old Testament and the Greek philosophers to Shakespeare. After eight years, he had to quit; his eyesight was failing. He and Helen moved to a retirement community close to their daughter's home. He disliked the dimming of life, *this gray capsule to which I am now consigned*, but he took what pleasures he could. *Still swim and lift weights. Have to listen to audiotapes from Perkins Institute because reading via Optalex machine is too much of a strain, too artificial.*

A late letter. His eyesight all but gone, he pecked at his old Royal desk typewriter, no longer able to read what he typed, and with only a memory of the keyboard. *With your knowledge of "The Gold Bug" you ought to be able to work out—decrypt—the muzzing letters.*

Man of letters.

Diverted locals with a bit of nostalgia on why my grandfather hated me--lived a block from his shop, forge etc/ So very time he saw me coing he had to hide the hardp tools, douse the forge fire, make sure the horse he was shoeing was [Here the sentence runs off the edge of the paper.] All those days 1929 to 1933 we spoke French because grandparents couldn't handle English, and we founf it more comfortable like odl clothes. No I find myself in my reminiscences thinking and dreaming in "Joual" French-Canadian and wishing there was someone--or some tape--that I could use to summon up familiar sounds. ■

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Youngren, in 2004

Crooked timber

by Ben Birnbaum

William Youngren, 1931–2006

If Bill Youngren ever attended an academic ceremony during the 25 years in which we overlapped at Boston College, I never saw it, and I know that he skirted department meetings as well, and that he did not turn up at the retirees' dinner in 2002, where he was among those to be honored, and at which his department chairman was prepared to speak some words of appreciation that had been outlined by another member of the department because Bill's chairman—though he himself had been at Boston College for decades—did not know Bill quite well enough to say what needed to be said.

Youngren, who died on November 26, 2006 at age 75, came to Boston College in 1970, having been hired away from Smith College to buttress a new doctoral program in English. (The department wasn't keen about taking on the program, and a senior hire was the grease the administra-

tion applied.) An 18th-century literature guy who worked at the knotty philosophy-of-aesthetics end of things, Bill eventually abandoned Donne, the Herberts, and Marvell for a prior love, music. In part, he made this change because he had no interest in sojourning in the land of cultural studies, to which literature had decamped while he was busy writing articles such as "Founding English Ethics: Locke, Mathematics, and the Innateness Question"; and in part he made the change because what had been a sideline business for Bill—writing about classical music and jazz—had burgeoned into a near-career, with lucid and smart essays appearing in the *Atlantic Monthly* and *Fanfare* and other periodicals that counted.

Bill never worked by half measures, and in 1983, nearing age 52, he enrolled as a music doctoral student at Brandeis University, receiving his doctorate in

1999. His thesis, which eventually achieved nearly a thousand pages, was published in 2003, a pavement stone of a book titled *C.P.E. Bach and the Rebirth of the Strophic Song* and that I admired on these pages for its 3.4 pounds of large-hearted learning and its glorious lack of utility. Sager reviewers called it “monumental,” “magisterial,” and “a key illustration of what liberal arts means” (all of which pretty much guaranteed that *C.P.E.* would come to occupy number 2,481,344 in the Amazon sales ranking, having sold “more than 350 copies,” according to the publisher).

I first met Bill because I'd read an essay he published on Bix Beiderbecke, the early jazz cornetist, that touched on cross-pollination between jazz and early 20th-century European classical music, and so I asked him to write 2,500 words for *BCM* on that subject. He agreed and delivered 6,000-or-so words on the role anti-Semitism played in the critical reception that *Rhapsody in Blue* received when Gershwin leapt without permission from Tin Pan Alley to the concert hall stage. So began our friendship, periodically refreshed at long lunches at which we talked about many things, but mostly music, and I got to voice half-baked observations that Bill (who brooked no half-bakedness in the recordings and performances he reviewed) greeted with brilliant and delighting (to him as much as me) forays into his own well-stocked, discursive, and passionate mind. Looking for something that would show how Bill's conversation worked, I found this bit that does the trick. It's from a review essay in the *New Republic*, in which Bill wondered why the conductor James Levine would choose to record Bach's “charming but insignificant” *Wedding Cantata*:

Two-thirds of the way through the side I got my answer: Suddenly, there was [the Chicago Symphony's] Ray Still, playing the oboe more beautifully than I had ever heard it played. I have always thought the oboe the most expressive of wind instruments—one of the great delights of my childhood was the spotless oboe solo, played staccato and very fast but with each note round and firm as a tropical

fruit, on Toscanini's 1938 BBC recording of Rossini's overture to *La Scala di Seta*. (Years later I learned that Toscanini had personally edited the oboe part and had sent it ahead in manuscript, weeks before his departure for London, so that the BBC's Terence MacDonough could practice it.)

I know from my oldest son, who took Bill's history of jazz course the year before Bill retired, that he was similarly enchanting and intellectually generous in his teaching—even if, to the dismay of my son and other students, he believed that jazz died under the burden of Miles Davis's *Bitches Brew* in 1970. “It's all just repertoire now,” he argued, while irate students pecked at him with all the effect of

sparrows banging on a bronze monument.

Bill was a master teacher but no Mr. Chips, and unlike Al Duhamel—a brilliant English department colleague who is appreciated on an adjoining page—he was no foundation beam either, but a crooked timber full of juice and spring, a man who relished conversation, work, friendship, his family, Wagner at top volume, playing Jelly Roll Morton-style piano, and writing hilarious poem parodies.

An iconoclast to the end, he was brought down by a mysterious illness, never diagnosed, that caused muscle weakness. The last time I spoke with him, about two years ago, he was in a wheelchair, rolling out of a jazz show in Boston. With gusto, he effusively praised one of the musicians we'd heard and effusively ripped another. And he was right and happy. ■

Data file: The undergraduate

Total undergraduate enrollment: 9,020

Most popular major: Communication, with 945 students

Consecutive years for which communication has held the title: 7

The runners-up: Finance, with 805, and political science, with 777

Most popular major in 1990: English, with 1,015

Most popular major in 1980: Biology, with 770

Percent of undergraduates completing double majors last year: 30

States accounting for the most undergraduates: Massachusetts, with 2,559,

New York, with 1,427, New Jersey, with 954, Connecticut, with 648, and California, with 437

States accounting for the fewest undergraduates: Mississippi, with 0,

North Dakota, with 1, South Dakota, with 1, Montana, with 2, and Arkansas, West Virginia, and Wyoming, with 4 apiece

Undergraduates who qualify to join Fr. Neenan's Iowa-Nebraska Club: 32

Undergraduates who qualify to join Fr. Neenan's Salmon Club (Alaska, Oregon, Washington): 98

Percent of enrollment that is AHANA (African-, Hispanic-, Asian-, and Native-American): 24

Undergraduate male/female ratio: 48/52

Source: Office of Student Services



At an *Elements* editorial meeting, from left: Rebecca Kraus '07, Katherine Wu '07, Susan Connolly '07, Damien Croteau-Chonka '07, Nathaniel Campbell '07, and Mark O'Connor

Paper trail

by Cara Feinberg

A student journal taps growing interest in undergraduate research

After spending the summer of 2003 studying budget deficits in Washington, D.C., economics major Greg Wiles '06 wrote up an analysis of his work. He shared it with a few of his professors—the project had been supported by a BC undergraduate research fellowship—and then dropped it in the drawer of his desk. "It was so exciting to do the research, and so hard just to stow it away," says Wiles, now with a New York investment banking firm.

The sophomore began talking with faculty about launching an undergraduate research journal at Boston College, and he found he was one of several students across the disciplines who had expressed similar interest. Faculty members too had discussed the idea over the years, and in September 2004 Mark O'Connor, director of the Arts and Sciences Honors Program, and political science professor Donald Hafner, director of the University Fellow-

ships Committee, called a meeting of students interested in starting a scholarly journal. An invitation to formally pitch ideas yielded 12 proposals. Wiles was chosen editor-in-chief. Within months, he and a staff of 18 seniors, juniors, and sophomores put out a call for student submissions in every discipline, and in May 2005 *Elements*, the University's undergraduate research journal, rolled off the press.

Owing to the creation, in the last 10 years, of faculty-student internships, Advanced Study Grants, and additional summer research fellowships, there had been a growing body of student work at Boston College "that very few people ever saw," says Wiles. Concurrently, notes O'Connor, who serves as the advisor to *Elements*' staff, improvements in computers and the Internet have made it easier for students to follow "their own intellectual curiosity." Now in its third year, the annual

publication has a staff of 30 students.

The first two issues—soft-cover books of 90-plus pages on thick matte stock with full-color covers—disappeared quickly from the dining halls and libraries where they were distributed, says English major Rebecca Kraus '07, the current editor-in-chief. A staff member from the start, Kraus spent the last two years as managing editor, helping Wiles to shape the publication. "We wanted it to look professional without looking stuffy," she says of the journal's clean modern design. The May 2005 inaugural issue featured on its cover a portrait by Edouard Manet of the enigmatic French poet Stephane Mallarmé (1842–98), subject of an article by Kaelin Grant '07, a philosophy and French double major. (Grant's article attempted to parse the poet's famously impenetrable writings, following leads from modern critics and clues from Mallarmé's life.) For the second issue, published last March, the staff chose a cover shot of the medieval Blue Koran, with its rich dyed parchment and gold lettering. The Blue Koran was one of the most exquisite and disputed Islamic manuscripts of its time, according to art history major Emily Neumeier '08, whose article explored conflicting theories of the manuscript's provenance.

Elements joins a long tradition of undergraduate scholarly journals at U.S. universities, including the *Harvard Political Review*, the *MIT Undergraduate Research Journal*, and Brown's *Journal of World Affairs*. But it is hardly the first BC publication to do so. The 1940s through the 1960s saw the flourishing of several student math and science publications at BC, including *Cosmos*, a science biannual that appeared from 1959 to 1970, and *Scope*, a biology quarterly from 1951 to 1959. *To Logeion*, originally offered as a quarterly on the classics, appeared twice in the spring of 1940 before recasting itself as *The Humanities* the following fall. By the winter of 1963, it had become *Humanities Magazine*, a black-and-white, all-text effort devoted to literature, the arts, and the social sciences, published through 1971.

From conception, *Elements'* main purpose has been to showcase the diversity of research at the University in a manner that might appeal to a wide readership. "Only a handful of other undergraduate journals

were doing that," says Wiles. He, Kraus, and the rest of the journal's early staff recruited student editors from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Every submission is evaluated by editors within its phylum, and then read again by at least two staff members outside the field to gauge its general appeal. According to Kraus, "It doesn't matter how good the research is if no one wants to read it."

Among the 18 articles published in the first two issues, "there was something for everyone," says classics and German major Nathaniel Campbell '07, an *Elements* staff member since the first year. (Campbell's article "*De Malorum Natura*: Lucretius and the Nature of Evil" appeared in Spring 2006.) Topics have spanned from the world of Don Quixote to Euro pricing in the oil markets, and from malaria prevention to the effects of television's gay stereotypes on consumers. In the second issue, "Antioxidants and Gene Regulation," by biology major Jeong Ho Nam '08, illustrated with black-and-white photos of DNA bands, shared space with "The Pornography Wars: Exploring Two Distinct Feminist Identities," by Meredith Hudson '06, a political science and sociology major.

"Hudson's article has become one of the measures of our success," says Kraus. Recently, an author from the educational publishing house Allyn and Bacon contacted *Elements* asking to reprint "The Pornography Wars" in an upcoming edition of the textbook *Human Sexuality*. "The author came across the paper," said Kraus, "when she read *Elements* online."

This February, inspired by the success of *Elements* and the surge of undergraduate interest in research, Hafner and the University Fellowships Committee organized an Undergraduate Research Symposium, the first in what is expected to be an annual series. More than 40 students were invited to present their work to the BC community on the afternoon of February 2 in rooms throughout Gasson Hall.

The newest issue of *Elements* will feature a cover story on Mexican migration by economics and Hispanic studies major Matthew Hamilton '09. "In the last decade, Boston College has seen the quality and quantity of undergraduate research improve exponentially," says O'Connor. *Elements* "was a terrific idea waiting to happen." ■



Onalee Rivera with charcoal and models

Sketchers

by Cara Feinberg

Scenes from the Art Club Marathon

Early on a November Friday evening, 19 comparative strangers sat in a fourth-floor Devlin art studio studying a scrawny young man clad only in a plastic winged Viking helmet. He stood on an elevated platform in the center of the room next to a young nude woman with a silk scarf draped about her waist; beyond her, a hefty gray-haired man with a corkscrew ponytail stood frozen in feathered angel wings, a caveman's club made of plastic clenched above his head. It was 6:00, on November 17, an hour into the Boston College Art Club's annual drawing marathon, and the studio's 40-odd paint-splattered stools were quickly filling up. For the next seven hours, BC students, professors, staff, and visitors from the surrounding community had an open invitation to drop by for an informal evening of art-making and camaraderie. Charcoal sticks, sketch paper, music, pizza, and three shifts of live figure models would be provided.

This was the third marathon the student-run group had organized in as many years. Since the Art Club's founding in 2004, it has become known also for arranging field trips to local professional art studios and curating exhibitions in Bapst Library's student art gallery. "The idea behind our events is to get more creative souls—art majors or not—to find time to create," says the club's president, Jon Harding '07, a political science major. Harding scanned the faces around the room, each bobbing back and forth between the models and the drawings. "There aren't many here who I recognize," he said, "and that, I suppose, is the goal."

The marathon was conceived in 2003 by fine arts department faculty hoping to coax closet artists into the studio. The inaugural event, held that year, was an all-night affair lasting from 7 P.M. to 7 A.M., but after predawn artists wound up conked out on studio couches or slumped beside

their creations at the table, "we knew we had to reel it in," said Onalee Rivera '07, club treasurer and a studio art major. The Art Club took on the marathon the next year, cobbling together funds with the help of the fine arts department; last year, the group was recognized as an official Boston College organization and received its first University budget.

DRESSED IN A GRAY T-SHIRT SPLATTERED with multicolored acrylic paint—a casualty, she said, of high school mural painting—Rivera was on hand for the marathon's 5 p.m. start and intended, she said, to stay until the 1 a.m. finish. "One of my favorite pieces ever was a crayon drawing I did at the first, all-night marathon," she said, placing her latest charcoal sketch on top of a pile of five or six of her others. "It looked a little like a three-year-old did it" and it hung in the BC Arts Festival with the title *Three A.M.*

Many artists left the 2006 marathon with their sketches rolled up in tubes under their arms. A few brave souls hung their work with thumbtacks on the bulletin board outside the studio—a makeshift exhibition of the evening's professional-looking renderings, stick-figure approximations, and studies of lone body parts. Many drawings ended up ripped or wrinkled in the studio's overflowing trash cans; some were crumpled up and slam-dunked as their makers headed out the door.

"I was just passing by, so I thought I'd stop in," said John J. Michalczyk '08, a sociology and philosophy major sitting at one of the studio's tables. His father, John Michalczyk, is the chair of the fine arts department, but that wasn't the reason he had come, he said. He hadn't sat down to draw seriously since high school, and he had a few hours to kill before the Celtics game started. "Ohalee has been giving me tips," he said, pointing to the black charcoal ovals he'd drawn to suggest the heavy male model's physique. Rivera, sitting next to him, smiled, moving her arm from her paper to reveal a shaded and contoured study of the man from the neck down. "Hers looks like an actual person," said Michalczyk. "Mine is more . . . abstract."

Farther down the table, Rob Culliton, a clean-cut freshman in a blue T-shirt, was engaged in conversation with the female

model, who had struck a pose looking over her shoulder in his direction. "Your drawing reminds me of that TV show *Lost*," said the model, extolling the virtues of the island-castaway drama. Before him on the table, Culliton displayed an island scene with a lone figure on a beach, a palm tree, and a setting sun. In a corner of the paper, he'd scrawled a stylized cursive signature. He and the model bantered for a few moments before Culliton explained the image. "This seems to be the first thing I want to draw when I see a blank piece of paper," he said. "It's the place where I picture myself happiest."

Over the next two hours, the crowd of artists grew and shrank, rising to as many as 35, with groups of friends glancing and giggling at one another's work at 7:00, and dropping down to 10 people spread out around the room at 9:00. Women usually outnumbered men, but a few times over the course of the night the numbers were nearly balanced. Every five minutes, a stopwatch would beep, and the models would shift poses and change props, rifling through the collection of objects they'd brought for the occasion and strewn about the platform. The heavy man cycled through a fake lion-skin cloak, a mock-up of a bishop's mitre, and a bouquet of plastic daffodils. The young woman donned a pink brassiere and fishnets; the slender man cradled a white plush bunny and held aloft a gray plastic goblet.

Although there was the occasional comment and conversation, most of the artists drew silently, listening to the live guitar music emanating from a dark corner where Brendan Dailey, a red-bearded sophomore pre-med student, strummed popular songs and classic hits. When the music stopped, the artists put down their charcoal to applaud.

AT 7:00, THE PEAK CROWD HOUR, the artists were invited to overflow into an adjoining studio. Stacey Boughrum '01, a part-time BC painting instructor, asked the portly model if he wouldn't mind striking longer-term poses next door, and he followed her through the doorway and took a seat on a ratty floral armchair in the middle of the room. In a corner behind him, a plaster model of a finely muscled man sat in a similar position, though both

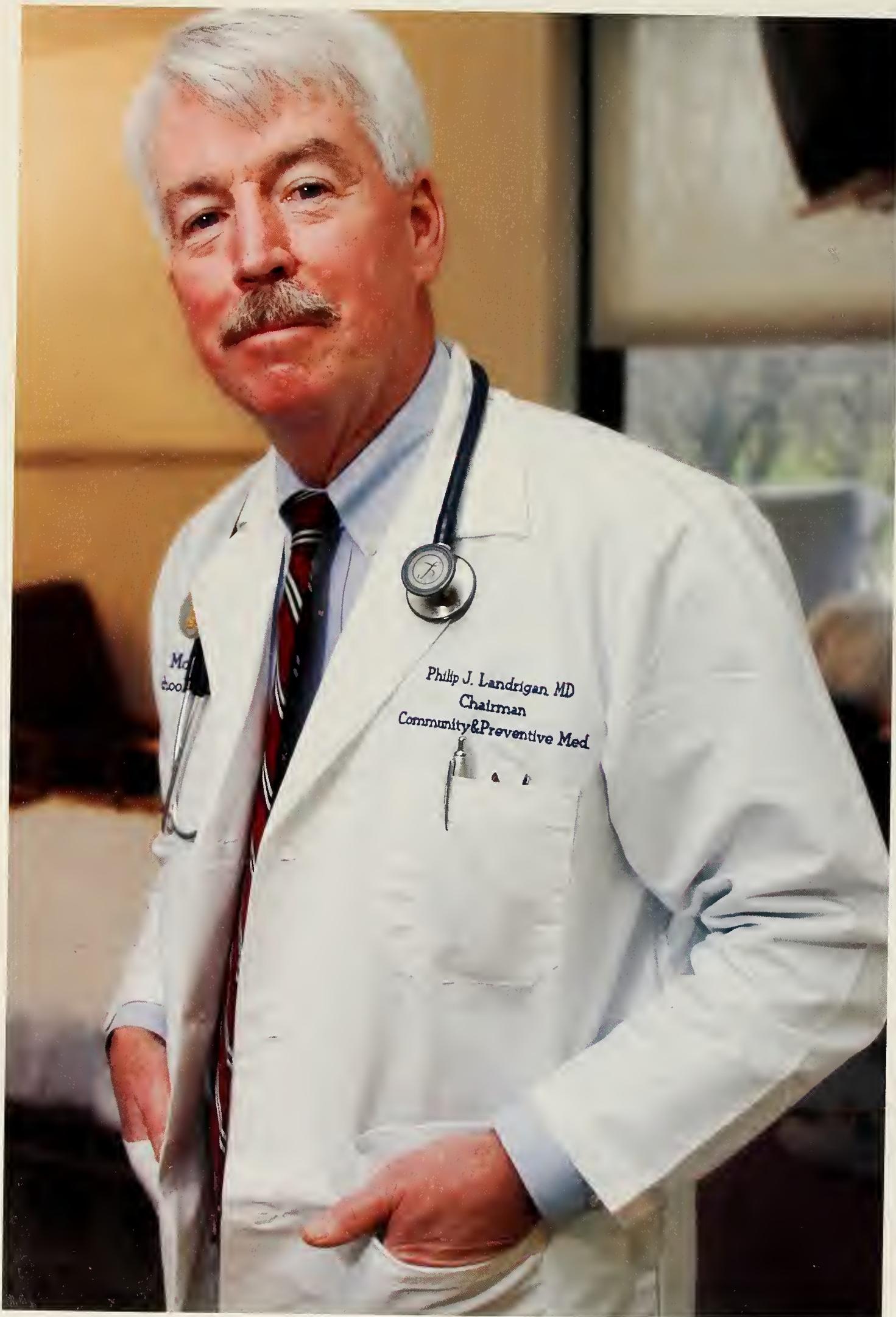
his arms were broken off. "Can I draw that one?" one student whispered to her friend, as they walked into the room.

Boughrum directed them to stools in front of the live model. "I came tonight because I wanted to see the marathon in action," she said, and nodded a thank you to the model, now frozen in a 10-minute seated pose with a knee drawn up to his chest. "Other professors from the art department and academic disciplines around campus have come and gone tonight," she said, "but we're here as guests, not chaperones."

By 11:00, viewed outside from O'Neill Plaza, only two small attic windows in Devlin's pitched slate roof glowed yellow in the darkened building. Inside, the mood had grown meditative. In place of the guitarist, an amplified ipod spilled out spacey electronic melodies with murmured lyrics and head-pounding beats. Eight women and one young man sat drawing a lone male model wearing a cross around his neck and a wristwatch.

Finance major Shautae Thompson '07 and Desiree Douglas '07, a psychology major, sat at the far side of the room; both had just ended shifts working at a local mall, and they had come for the extra credit their "Foundations of Drawing" instructor had offered for attending the marathon. Douglas felt at home using charcoal: "No line is permanent," she said, "and blending makes the picture look more professional." Thompson disagreed, holding up the worn nub she'd been working with. "I can't stand the noise when it rubs up against the paper," she said.

The two women stayed until just after 12:30 a.m., waving good-bye to Rivera as they walked out to the corridor. Now on her 53rd drawing, Rivera had left the room only for food and bathroom breaks, sketching nearly continuously for going on eight hours. She had warmly greeted the artists she knew and welcomed those she didn't, even running down the hall after first-timers who seemed to have had second thoughts at the door. Both Thompson and Douglas had suffered initially from "nude-model shock," she said. They walked into the room, then walked right out again. "I chased them down and told them artists have been figure-drawing since the beginning of time," said Rivera. "I told them they'd be in excellent company." ■



PUBLIC DEFENDER

BY JANE WHITEHEAD

DR. PHILIP LANDRIGAN '63 HAS TAKEN ON LEAD, PESTICIDES, AND TWIN TOWERS DUST. NOW HE TAKES AIM AT THE AVOIDABLE ILLNESSES OF CHILDHOOD

ON A FINE AFTERNOON IN EARLY NOVEMBER,

Dr. Philip Landrigan '63 is back in his hometown for a few hours, hurrying through the halls of the new convention center in South Boston. He's headed to a session on terrorism and public health at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA), at which he's due to give a presentation on the "Health effects among New York City residents as a result of 9/11."

Landrigan has taken the shuttle from New York, where he chairs the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine and directs the Center for Children's Health and the Environment at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Immediately after the late-afternoon session on terrorism, he'll fly to Washington, D.C., for a two-day planning meeting on the National Children's

Study (NCS), a major effort to examine environmental influences on children's health.

At 64, Landrigan looks fit and tanned, with a shock of white hair and engaging blue eyes. He gave up marathon running in the mid-1990s and now steers through the crowd at a brisk clip. For the past 36 years, he has been on the front line of the environmental health policy wars. His investigations into lead poisoning in children contributed to the United States' phaseout of lead in gasoline starting in 1976, and consequently to a 90 percent reduction in blood lead levels among American children. From 1988 to 1993, he chaired the National Academy of Sciences committee whose report on pesticides was the basis for the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. He served on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses and as senior advisor on children's health to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, during the late 1990s. In the pediatric and epidemiological community, says Dr. Michael Shannon, chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Environmental Health, Landrigan is acknowledged as "one of the pioneers."

The National Children's Study, of which Landrigan is a chief architect, is an ambitious project, a summation, in many ways, of his career-long campaign to protect children from environmental poisons. If the vast longitudinal research project gets the federal go-ahead, it will shine a floodlight on the environmental roots of disease in children, much as the Framingham Heart Study has for 59 years illuminated the causes of stroke and heart failure in adults.

Through the convention center's floor-to-ceiling tinted windows, Landrigan spots a familiar low building amid the new construction on the South Boston cityscape: It's the EFP Burns Company warehouse, he says with a smile, where as a Boston College undergraduate he spent three weeks every June, packing up rental academic caps and gowns after graduation season before heading to Cape Cod to lifeguard. Landrigan now lives with his wife on Long Island Sound. At home, the restless energy that drives him to travel, teach, research, write, and campaign finds an outlet in carpentry. "I love the precision of doing it well," he says.

With 13,000 participants and a program the size of a telephone directory, navigating the APHA conference is the immediate challenge. And Landrigan has the fate of the National Children's Study on his mind. As he leads the way across the crowded exhibition floor, he explains that funding for the NCS is in limbo, following President George W. Bush's unexpected withdrawal of support in his budget message to Congress in February 2006. A day before the midterm elections, Landrigan has already cast his absentee vote back in Westchester, and hopes that the looming ballot results will improve the study's prospects.

IN ROOM 253B OF THE CONFERENCE CENTER, Landrigan's subject is a public health predicament of another kind. He tells an audience of some 70 public health officials and doctors that the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center represent the "largest acute environmental disaster that has ever happened in New York City." He proceeds to encapsulate the findings of five years' research with the World Trade Center Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening Program, which continues to provide medical screening for individuals who were involved in rescue and cleanup at Ground Zero and related sites.

An estimated 40,000 workers were exposed to caustic dust and airborne toxic pollutants in the immediate aftermath, Landrigan tells his audience. The health monitoring program coordinated by his department at Mt. Sinai and offered through a number of metro-area occupational medicine providers has seen about 16,000 firefighters, law enforcement officers, volunteers, construction workers, and utilities, telecommunications, and transit employees.

Almost 70 percent of the examined individuals developed new or worsened respiratory symptoms during or after their exposure. "We had no idea the number would be so high," says Landrigan. What's more, he says, 40 percent of those affected had no health insurance, and another 40 percent had inadequate health insurance. Treatment programs had to be quickly patched together by charities and state and federal governments.

Landrigan's tone is measured, even mellow. According to Michael Shannon, that is his invariable style: "Phil is laid-back and quiet, but he'll slay you with data," he says. In a later conversation, Landrigan will say bluntly that the fate of those workers highlights "how fragmented health care is in this country: It's like the total contract has just unraveled around these people." Landrigan closes his presentation on a positive note: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has just allocated \$75 million to the WTC clinical consortium and the New York City Fire Department to meet the medical needs of WTC workers through 2008. Weeks later, he will note that this figure is now speculative, as the 109th Congress departed Washington without appropriating a final budget for 2007.

LANDRIGAN'S OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF community medicine at Mt. Sinai Hospital is about eight miles due north of Ground Zero, between the northeast corner of Central Park and the high-rise housing projects of Spanish Harlem. On a bookshelf stands a black-and-white photographic portrait of Dr. Irving Selikoff, his predecessor at Mt. Sinai and the man who launched the discipline of environmental medicine with his work uncovering asbestos-related disease. The chance to succeed Selikoff was one of the reasons behind Landrigan's move to Mt. Sinai in 1985,

after 15 years in the U.S. Public Health Service.

Over the course of more than an hour's conversation in late November, the complexity of Landrigan's working life begins to emerge. Today, he will be locked in back-to-back meetings, in his role as department chair, responsible for managing 150 faculty members. After fitting in a couple of tutorials with students, in the early evening he will present the guest speaker in an introductory course in public health that he directs for the master's in public health program at the medical school. As December approaches, the pediatrician in him is looking forward to putting on a white coat and becoming a ward doctor for a month, something he always does at this time of year, when the office is relatively quiet, the hectic travel schedule slows, and younger faculty with small children like to take time off. Clinical medicine, he says, is a refreshing contrast to the delicate politics and methodical data crunching that constitutes most of his work. "The thing about clinical medicine is that it's very immediate, and that's very different from public health, where the gratification is often long-delayed," he says.

A prime example would be the current impasse over funding of the National Children's Study, after six years of preparation and \$50 million in federal expenditures on infrastructure. The mood at the recent NCS planning meeting in Washington, D.C., Landrigan reports, was one of cautious optimism, in the light of the Democratic takeover of both houses of Congress in the midterm elections. Landrigan is quick to emphasize, however, that support for the NCS crosses party lines: "We've tried very hard not to let the study fall victim to partisan politics," he says. "We think it's too important to let it be identified with only one party." Senators who spoke out in favor of federal funding in 2006 included Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), and Tim Johnson (D-S.D.).

To show what is at stake, Landrigan breaks open a box of offprints from *Pediatrics*, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and hands a visitor a copy of an article from the November 2006 issue, with the title "The National Children's Study: A 21-Year Prospective Study of 100,000 American Children." Landrigan is the lead author of the paper, written with 12 colleagues. The project's ori-

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gins go back to 1998, Landrigan says, when he spent a part-time sabbatical in the office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator, Carol M. Browner: "We realized how little we knew about the toxic effects of chemicals on children's health, and we realized in a way not understood even five years earlier that children are very vulnerable to toxic chemicals in the environment, much more so than adults."

A crucial contributor to this new understanding was the work Landrigan directed from 1988 to 1993, as chair of a National Academy of Sciences committee studying children's exposure and vulnerability to pesticides. The group's final report, *Pesticides in the Diets of Infants and Children*, led to unanimous passage by both houses of Congress of the Food Quality Protection Act, in 1996. Landrigan was invited to the White House to see President Clinton sign the bill into law. But in the politically vulnerable field of public health, triumphs can be short-lived. Following a period of "aggressive enforcement of pesticide regulation" from 1996 to 2000, Landrigan says, enforcement has slackened under the current administration, and the EPA has largely reverted to a default position "in which children [are] given no special protection in pesticide regulation." Encouraged by the latest swing of the political weather vane, Landrigan plans to lobby

the new Congress to hold oversight hearings on the EPA's performance.

In 1998, Landrigan began making his case for a major epidemiological study of children, outlining a proposal in meetings with the EPA's Browner, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala, and the heads of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH). He emphasized the known impact that large-scale, long-term studies have had on adult health, projects like the Nurses' Health Study, begun in 1976, and the Nurses' Health Study II, started in 1989, which have identified risk factors for chronic disease in women, and the Framingham Heart Study, which helped establish the link between cigarette smoke and heart disease in the 1960s, and between hypertension and stroke in the 1970s. Over the years, he noted, the blueprint for prevention plotted by the Framingham study alone has saved millions of lives and billions of dollars. The study he proposed would leverage every technological advance, from data handling to blood assay techniques and genetic profiling; its particular targets would be environmental risk factors for asthma, birth defects, dyslexia, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, autism, schizophrenia, and obesity. For the first time, he said, it would be possible, using DNA from mothers and their children on a large scale, to seek "a critical missing piece in the understanding of how environmental factors affect human health," to take stock of the interplay between exposure and individual susceptibility.

The study would follow 100,000 children from birth—and, in some cases, from before birth—to age 21, using subjects statistically representative of all babies born in the United States during a four-year recruitment period. So compelling were Landrigan's arguments, that in 1999 a federal planning group was convened to start work on the complex protocols required for such monitoring. Costs at this stage were minimal, and they were absorbed by the NIH budget. Those who know Landrigan well were not surprised by his success. Dr. Anthony Robbins, past director of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and a former boss of Landrigan's, says, "He's very eloquent. He does a superb job of explaining in understandable language what environmental and occupational health are about."

Through the Children's Health Act of 2000, cosponsored in the Senate by Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), Jim Jeffords (I-Vt.) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Congress directed the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), part of NIH, to support the children's study; between 2000 and 2006 some \$50 million was spent on project design and development of a nationwide network of researchers. Included in the funding were contributions from the CDC, the EPA, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

In September 2005, the NCS awarded contracts to seven academic institutions to set up pilot sites across the country, from Orange County, California, to Duplin County, North Carolina. Carefully chosen to represent a broad spectrum of social, ethnic, and other demographic attributes, the centers are prepared to begin recruitment of women of childbearing age in 2007. Landrigan himself will head a team of 25-plus researchers in the borough of Queens, east of Manhattan. This is the most diverse county in the nation, he notes, with residents speaking 150 languages. "It's important to involve folks from the local community, so you get off on the right foot," he says, and following the announcement of the sites in 2005, he saw encouraging signs of community mobilization. He is concerned that with the present, enforced "treading water" phase, community partners will lose enthusiasm.

Throughout the planning process, says Michael Shannon, Landrigan has been the project's "most visible and vocal advocate," as the NCS has collected endorsements from the March of Dimes, American Heart Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, Children's Environmental Health Network, and ECOS, the council made up of the heads of the 50 state environmental agencies. At the same time, the NCS has stirred some opposition within the pediatric community. According to Shannon, the study's estimated 25-year price tag of \$2.7 billion strikes some researchers as an unacceptable concentration of government resources given that federal funding for research has, at best, ceased to grow. The *Boston Globe* has noted that the \$69 million sought to begin enrolling subjects in the National Children's Study in 2007 represents 2 percent of the current federal budget for pediatric research.

The cost of the study is not trivial, Landrigan readily concedes, but in comparison with the costs of the diseases its findings might prevent or ameliorate, "it's really very small." Learning disabilities alone affect between 5 and 10 percent of the four million babies born each year in the United States, he points out. "If we could find preventable causes for even 10 or 20 percent of those, we'd improve the lives of literally tens of thousands of children," and the savings would extend beyond medicine into education, child care, and the workplace.

PHIL LANDRIGAN DID NOT EMBARK ON HIS MEDICAL career intending to become a custodian of the public health. The eldest of four sons of schoolteachers who preached education as the primary route to success in life, he decided on medicine as a teenager, inspired by his ophthalmologist uncle, Fred Landrigan '38, and by Dr. Bill Walsh, the family GP in West Roxbury. "Both were exceedingly kind and gentle men," he says, "masters of both the art and science of medicine." After a rocky few years at Boston Latin School, when Landrigan was often in trouble, according to

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his brother Richard Landrigan '66, JD'73, a lawyer in the Boston area, Landrigan went through a Prince Hal-like transformation in his junior year, winning a National Merit Scholarship. "I was a rebellious youth," says Landrigan, but academic ambition won out in the end. Pre-med studies at Boston College—where he met his future wife, Mary Magee '64, in the organic chemistry lab in Devlin Hall—led to Harvard Medical School, followed by a residency at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Landrigan's goal at that point was to become a pediatric neurologist, remembers his friend and fellow pediatrician-in-training, Dr. Stephen Gehlbach, dean emeritus of the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at UMass-Amherst. But the Vietnam draft was in place. Landrigan and Gehlbach, like many young male physicians of their generation, chose to fulfill their national service obligation in the U.S. Public Health Service; they joined the Centers for Disease Control as Epidemic Intelligence Service officers in 1970. Gehlbach remembers traveling with Landrigan from damp, chilly Boston in April of that year into the soft southern spring of Atlanta.

At first, the two doctors were assigned the traditional CDC task of chasing epidemics of infectious disease, tracking outbreaks of measles in Texas, rubella in Minnesota, and

hepatitis in Arizona. But in the winter of 1971, recalls Landrigan, a city health officer in El Paso, Texas, requested an investigation of toxic emissions from a lead smelting plant owned by the American Smelting and Refining Company (ASARCO). While reviewing documents related to the plant's sulfur dioxide emissions, the local official had stumbled across evidence that a thousand tons of lead dust, with quantities of zinc, cadmium, and arsenic, had belched from the company's stacks during the preceding three years.

Landrigan and Gehlbach had seen the effects of acute lead poisoning in the emergency room at Children's: two- and three-year-olds suffering convulsions, severe abdominal pain, coma. In an old city like Boston, the main culprit was crumbling lead paint, or paint dust, which small children would chew on or suck from their fingers. The El Paso investigation, says Landrigan, marked one starting point for the

discovery over the next decade that at levels of exposure too low to cause manifestly severe symptoms, lead could still cause brain damage to children. It also inspired his career-long dedication to protecting vulnerable groups, whether children or workers, from the harm caused by chemical pollutants.

An initial, small-scale study conducted by Landrigan and Gehlbach showed that virtually every child in the neighborhood of the El Paso smelter had a highly elevated blood lead level. The two doctors next embarked on what Gehlbach calls classic "shoe-leather epidemiology," a door-to-door blood-sampling sweep through a large swath of the town. Landrigan, says Gehlbach, combined the charm required to get access to a stranger's home and draw blood from a child with the doggedness needed to parse the data and deliver conclusions, however unwelcome the news might be. In this case the results showed a pattern, with the highest lead levels being found in children who lived closest to the plant. The evidence armed the researchers to "push the local health authorities to begin to make the smelter clean up its act," says Landrigan.

When Landrigan and a CDC team returned to El Paso the next year to conduct a follow-up study of the effects of subclinical lead poisoning, ASARCO successfully pressured

the local Board of Health to stonewall them. Leaving his team to cool their heels in El Paso, Landrigan headed for Austin and complained to the state's attorney general, who informed the company that the work of the federal officials was not to be hindered. The result, says Landrigan, was "really a breakthrough discovery," showing that children with high blood lead levels but no obvious symptoms compared poorly with children from the same communities but with lower lead levels, on a range of measurements from IQ to reflexes. The study, published in the British medical journal *Lancet* in March 1975, corroborated the results of parallel research being carried out by another pioneering lead investigator, pediatrician Herbert L. Needleman, director of the Low Level Lead Exposure Study at Children's Hospital in Boston.

The lead industry vigorously opposed the conclusions of Landrigan's and Needleman's research, arguing that the results could be attributed to "poor mothering, or inherently stupid children, or other variables we'd failed to consider," says Landrigan. From 1974 to 1977, he recalls, it took "hard, hard fighting in dreary rooms at the EPA to win that battle," and even then, he acknowledges, other factors were crucial in hastening the reduction of lead in gasoline. From 1975 onwards, following the Clean Air Act Extension of 1970, new cars were required to have catalytic converters to reduce smog-causing emissions of carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and oxides of nitrogen. The platinum catalysts were destroyed by the tetraethyl lead in gasoline, which gave the auto industry a compelling commercial reason to get the lead out.

BETWEEN THE EL PASO STUDIES AND HIS ENTANGLEMENT in the politics of lead poisoning on the national level, Landrigan spent two stints overseas. In Nigeria, in 1973, he and a CDC colleague helped carry out a World Health Organization smallpox eradication program. After taking tea at the palace of the emir in the ancient walled city of Kano, at the southern edge of the Sahara, and receiving his blessing to deliver smallpox vaccinations to the villages of Kano state, they set out in a Jeep with a driver and a refrigerator in the back crammed with vaccines, for the children,

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and bottles of scotch, for the village elders. "We'd vaccinate kids during the day, then late in the afternoon drive on to the next village, present the scotch to the village chiefs, be given a chicken, sleep in a hut, immunize the kids the next day, then move on," Landrigan remembers. The only exception to their usually warm welcome was in a small village where cholera had struck a few days after their first visit. When they went back a month later to catch stragglers they had not already vaccinated, they were accused of carrying disease and chased away with rocks.

The following year, Landrigan made three sweeps across El Salvador as advisor to a national vaccination campaign, delivering vaccines to combat measles, rubella, DPT, polio, yellow fever, and tuberculosis. "My Spanish got better as the year progressed," he recalls. (Even today, says his brother Richard, Landrigan often stops to chat in Spanish with the many Hispanic workers who staff Mt. Sinai's security desks and parking garage.) Apart from being shot at on one occasion by Honduran border guards, the campaign went smoothly.

Landrigan's relish for the adventurous side of his profession has found expression most recently in his overseas service as a captain in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve, which has taken him to Singapore, Korea, and

Ghana. In July 2004, he was in charge of the West Africa Training Cruise, a medical humanitarian mission to largely rural Senegal that reached over 11,000 patients. A photograph from the trip shows him in camouflage uniform, at the center of a group of about 50 colleagues.

But in 1974, as a young father of three, Landrigan turned down an offer of a year in India, on the grounds that his children would no longer recognize their father if he continued to spend so much time overseas. His elder daughter, Mary Landrigan-Ossar, now an anesthesiologist at Children's Hospital, Boston, says that one of her earliest memories is of riding in the car in Atlanta with her mother and asking, "When is Dad coming home from vaccinating all those people?"

When Landrigan returned from El Salvador in 1974, it was to set up a new unit at CDC known as the Environmental Hazards Activity—which later became CDC's National Center for Environmental Health, a radical development for an institution rooted in the study of infectious diseases. With a couple of newly hired colleagues, Landrigan says, he "started chasing round the country looking at episodes of lead poisoning, pesticide poisoning, chemical spills." En route to investigate a spill of phenol in Wisconsin, and frantically reading up on phenol on the plane ride, he realized that he could use some training in environmental and occupational medicine. So in 1976, the Landrigan clan left Atlanta and moved to the north London suburb of Finchley while Landrigan, on secondment from CDC, studied at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, at that time one of the foremost centers of public health training.

From this English base, says daughter Mary, the Landrigan children were "dragged around Europe to see *Mona Lisa* and the *Coliseum*" on a budget; their parents once sneaked cans of baked beans into a hotel to feed them. Son Chris Landrigan, a pediatrician and researcher at Children's Hospital, Boston, remembers dismissing Roman ruins as "Roman rubbish." The once reluctant tourist, now himself a parent of two, still finds it hard to keep up with his globe-trotting father. At the recent APHA conference in Boston, father and son met unexpectedly—neither had realized that the other was presenting a paper.

Landrigan's wife, Mary, is a health educator and public health administrator who is now a deputy commissioner in the Westchester County Health Department. Daughter Elizabeth, a geologist, was brought in as a consultant on water pollution for a book Landrigan and his wife wrote with Herbert Needleman, *Raising Healthy Children in a Toxic World* (2001), for parents concerned about protecting their children from environmental hazards. If health has become something of a family business, says Chris Landrigan, his father has been a major influence. "He's passionate about

what he does," the son says, "and he's driven by a sense of inequities." Asked about his father's apparent calm in the face of uncertainty about the future of the NCS, he says that the elder Landrigan does "get up in arms," but that he has weathered many grant cycles as a researcher, and is stoical about soldiering on in the knowledge that "grants come and grants go."

LANDRIGAN NAMES AS HIS PERSONAL HEROES

visionary activists like Irving Selikoff and Bill Foege, one-time head of the CDC and former senior advisor to Bill Gates on global health initiatives. They are, he says, "people who dared to have enormous dreams about using scientific findings to control disease." The fate of his own grandest dream remains in the balance. There have been signs of late of a move within the federal government away from supporting health research that is dependent on field investigations, in favor of laboratory-based research. In response, Landrigan and other NCS supporters point to the study's expansive range, its potential to help children suffering from not one but many diseases. It takes a study of this size, they say, to tease out significant data about pressing but relatively low-incidence conditions such as autism and schizophrenia. They cite the fact that children under the age of 18 account for a quarter of the U.S. population and that the costs of fighting diseases targeted by the National Children's Study amount nationally to some \$640 billion annually. Daniel P. Gitterman, assistant professor of public policy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who has studied trends in NIH funding of pediatric research, says that with expressions of support for the NCS from within both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the new Congress is sure to hold hearings on the study, but that no change in the status quo is likely until the 2008 budget. His contacts at NICHD "continue to be hopeful," Gitterman says.

For all his formidable ability to deploy clinical data and cost analyses, Landrigan never forgets the human dimension of science. He likes to quote an axiom of Selikoff's, that "statistics are people with the tears wiped off." When he speaks of the unique vulnerability of babies and small children to environmental poisons, he is thinking not of abstractions, but of his own five—soon to be six—grandchildren, to whom he dedicated *Raising Healthy Children in a Toxic World*. Landrigan's contribution to making their future safer has already been substantial, by any measure. If his calm coalition-building succeeds and his vision for the National Children's Study can be realized, says the American Academy of Pediatrics' Michael Shannon, that will be Landrigan's greatest legacy. ■

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Twenty-eight new, tenure-track faculty have occupied the classrooms, lecture halls, and laboratories of Boston College this academic year. Some arrived as senior faculty, having achieved significant careers elsewhere. These include two who filled endowed chairs—the Boisi Professorship in Education and Public Policy and the Honorable David S. Nelson Professorial Chair, which was created to foster scholarship on matters of race and diversity. Others, mostly the assistant professors, look forward to a six-year effort to earn tenure. Together they reflect a “great” recruiting year, but “not an unusually great” year, as BC has sustained a trajectory of good years, says the University’s Vice Provost for Faculties, Patricia DeLeeuw.

Of the 28, just over half (16) are women, a proportion in line with recent past hiring, says DeLeeuw. Boston College’s full-time regular faculty is currently 38 percent women; broken out by rank, women account for 28 percent of full professors, 37 percent of associate professors, and 48 percent of assistant professors.

The recent additions to the BC community whose visages grace these pages bring Boston College’s full-time, tenure-track faculty across the six schools to 679, a net gain of 26 positions over the preceding five years. With a new strategic plan in development, the University will likely further increase the faculty over the next 10 years, says DeLeeuw, by a number that is “still a source of some conversation.”

BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Katherine McNeill
assistant professor of education
Ph.D., University of Michigan
Specialization: science education

Jason S. Kingsbury
assistant professor of chemistry
Ph.D., Boston College
Specialization: synthetic organic chemistry

James Winston Morris
professor of theology
Ph.D., Harvard University
Specialization: Islamic culture and civilization





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Gergana Yordanova, assistant professor of marketing
Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh
Specialization: consumer self-control

Gauvin Alexander Bailey, associate professor of the history of art and religion, theology department
Ph.D., Harvard University
Specialization: art and Catholicism in the Renaissance and Baroque eras

Amy Hutton, associate professor of management
Ph.D., University of Rochester
Specialization: financial reporting and business administration

Angela Frederick Amar, assistant professor of nursing
Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
Specialization: violence and victimization

Kian L. Tan, assistant professor of chemistry
Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Specialization: reactivity of late transition metals





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Katherine Gregory, assistant professor of nursing
Ph.D., Boston College
Specialization: development of preterm infants

Anderson J. Franklin, Honorable David S. Nelson
Professorial Chair, Lynch School of Education
Ph.D., University of Oregon
Specialization: ethnicity and mental health

Mary Ann Glynn, professor of organizational studies
Ph.D., Columbia University
Specialization: cultural influences on organizational
leadership

Jennifer Dacey Allen, assistant professor of nursing
Dr.Sci., Harvard University
Specialization: community-based programs in
cancer prevention and control

Eric Dearing, assistant professor of psychology
Ph.D., University of New Hampshire
Specialization: child development within
impoverished and dangerous contexts



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Cyril P. Opeil, SJ, assistant professor of physics
Ph.D., Boston College
Specialization: condensed matter physics

Linda Court Salisbury, assistant professor of marketing
Ph.D., University of Michigan
Specialization: temporal effects on consumer decision-making

Amy Frappier, assistant professor of geology
Ph.D., University of New Hampshire
Specialization: paleoclimatology

James P. Morken, professor of chemistry
Ph.D., Boston College
Specialization: synthetic organic chemistry

Maya Tamir, assistant professor of psychology
Ph.D., University of Illinois
Specialization: emotion and personality





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Ph.D., University of Western Ontario
Specialization: labor economics and microeconometrics

Thanh V. Tran, professor of social work
Ph.D., University of Texas
Specialization: diversity and acculturation

Yvette D. Kuiper, associate professor of geology
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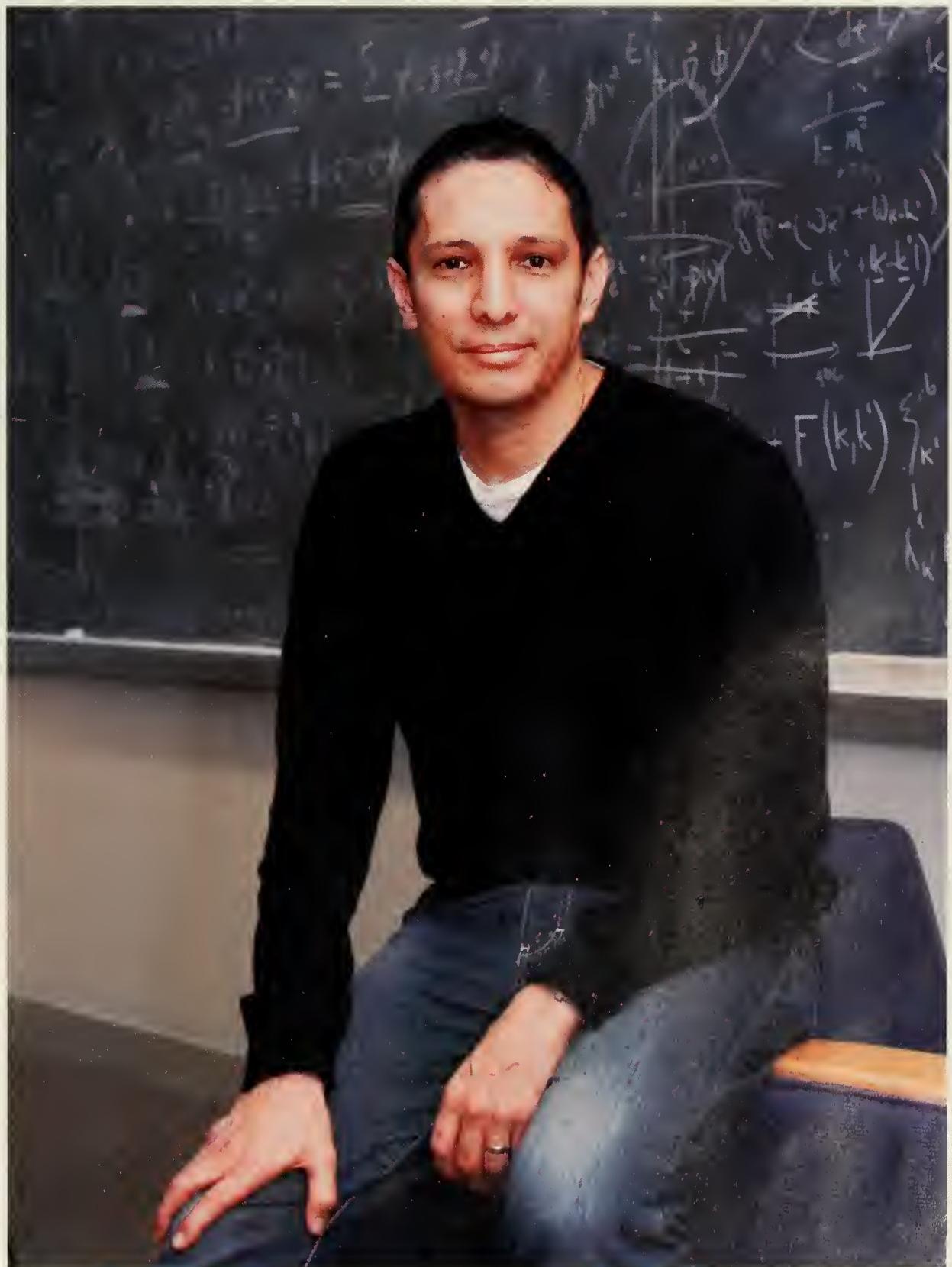
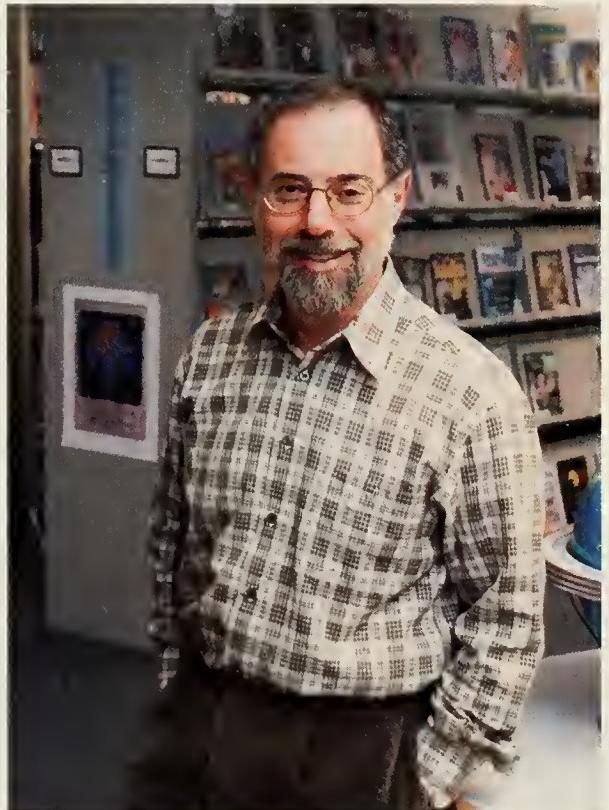
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BLOWBACK

FOR NINE MONTHS IN THE FORMATIVE POST-INVASION PERIOD, THE AUTHOR SERVED IN IRAQ, A HIGH-LEVEL CIVILIAN ASSIGNED TO HELP THE COUNTRY REBUILD. HE HAD THE BEST OF INTENTIONS

BY JOHN AGRESTO '67

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HAD BEEN IN IRAQ A SHORT WHILE WHEN ONE OF THE IRAQIS WHO worked for the Coalition Provisional Authority, a young man named Ali, asked me for a favor. Ali was trained as a pharmacist and had worked as a pharmacist's assistant before liberation. With the coming of the Coalition he'd signed up to work as a bookkeeper with KBR—Kellogg, Brown and Root—the division of Halliburton that fed us each day. He and I had gotten to know each other fairly well. He had been making inquiries about scholarship possibilities in America and had somehow managed to irritate my assistant who was putting the scholarship program together, so he often came by late at night to talk with me. I would ask him about student life. He would tell me about his family.

This was the favor: His younger sister had started college, and even though she was enrolled in one of the better universities in Baghdad, she was in a field in which she had no interest. She had wanted to study computer science, but her entrance exam grades were not good enough. Could I put pressure on the university to let her switch?

Though my title was Coalition Provisional Authority Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, both Ali and I knew that this was something even I could not bring about. Iraqi students took a qualifying exam at the end of high school that determined what fields they could enter. Iraq is a society of strict rules, moderated only by family connections and payoffs—and those avenues were unavailable to Ali's sister.

There was a way around that might work, however. Almost every university in Iraq ran what was called "night school." These were classes that started late in the afternoon, were a bit laxer in their requirements, and for which tuition was charged. (All of higher education in Iraq is otherwise public and free.)

I called the vice president of one of Baghdad's best universities and first asked if Ali's sister could transfer there and switch up to a concentration in computer science. He delivered a fairly paternal and anticipated lecture about how

and why such a thing was impossible, then asked why I was concerned.

"She is the sister of a guy who gave up a career in pharmacy to work for the Coalition," I answered, "so I thought I would lend a hand."

The answer was still no.

Then I suggested that she be allowed to enroll in the evening classes. "But it's getting late in the year; she may flunk. Besides, there's a tuition fee for the night school," he countered.

Not knowing her, I still replied, "I don't think that will be a problem. I know her brother and she comes from a very smart family and I'm pretty sure the family can pay."

"Okay, have her come by tomorrow and talk to me."

When I ran into Ali a few days later, he told me that his sister had been accepted to the night school and was the happiest person he knew. He added that he had been thinking about me and about his boss over in KBR, whom he very much liked, and he had decided to change his life. He would start becoming "an American."

He tried to explain. "Yesterday I stopped for a man begging on the street and I gave him lots of money. And before that I saw a mother having a hard time with little children, trying to get them to school, so I gave the whole family a ride to the school. See, I'm becoming an American."

"Every day I will try to do something good for someone I don't know, like you did for my sister. That's all."



Basra University student union, May 21, 2003

I TOOK UP MY POST IN BAGHDAD IN THE BEGINNING of September 2003, four months after Ambassador Paul Bremer arrived in Iraq as the country's civilian administrator. The first Senior Advisor for Higher Education and Scientific Research, Andrew Erdmann, had already left Iraq for a position in the White House. His deputy, Lieutenant Colonel Steve Curda, was pretty much holding down the mission alone. I had a meeting with Erdmann and a quick conference with Curda in Washington, and that was pretty much my orientation.

From Washington I flew to Texas, where I caught a military 747 to Kuwait. In Kuwait, where the temperature was 110 degrees at midday, I practiced putting on my gas mask.

From Kuwait it was on to Baghdad on a C-130, an immense cargo propeller plane left from the Vietnam conflict. The plane corkscrewed straight down into Baghdad airport to avoid enemy rockets, and leveled out just a few hundred feet above the tarmac.

THERE WERE 25 OF US SENIOR ADVISORS IN IRAQ, for 25 newly created ministries. In addition to Higher Education, there was a Ministry of Education that covered

primary and secondary schooling, and ministries of Oil, Electricity, Justice, Transportation, Youth and Sport, Foreign Affairs, Interior, Planning, and so on. Each of us served as Bremer's representative.

We senior advisors met together every morning (except Sunday) at 7:30 A.M., with Jessica LeCroy, Bremer's executive assistant. The meetings would begin with someone from the military reporting on events of the previous day—number of hostile incidents, how many casualties the Coalition had suffered the day before, any foreseeable threats in the day or two ahead. We'd then talk over common problems or matters of common interest and be out by 8, when Bremer himself held daily meetings with the senior advisors to the "more important" sectors—Interior, Transportation, Defense, Oil, Electricity. We in the softer sectors didn't mind not being invited, since it meant that we could work without constant micromanagement.

My office never exceeded 12 people, including three translators and three Iraqi exiles who dropped in sporadically from Britain or America to help out. We had no budget to speak of. I'd learned when I arrived in Iraq of the administration's decision that certain sectors with possible international appeal would not be supported in any serious measure by American funds. Education, Youth and Sport,

I could pass for Iraqi so long as I kept my mouth shut. We traveled in our translators' cars, unarmed, window down, and always, always without a seat belt.

Health, and Culture would largely rely on the generosity of the “international donor community”—that is, good-willed nations other than the United States. By early 2004, it was clear that we in higher education would be getting next to nothing from the donor community, and nothing from the United States.

COLONEL CURDA ARRANGED MY ESCORT FROM the airport to the Green Zone, the secured area of Baghdad where the Coalition authority worked and was housed. We had: a Humvee in front of our car with well-armed soldiers and a guy manning a machine gun on the roof. The same setup behind us. In my car, there were two shooters with long guns in the backseat, Curda, driving with a pistol on his lap, and me, unarmed in the passenger seat wearing a flak jacket and helmet, scanning the rooftops on my side for snipers. For all the weeks that Curda remained in Iraq, this was how we traveled outside the Green Zone. As soon as he went back to the States, we made other arrangements.

The military made it obvious that it didn’t relish babysitting Coalition civilians. Escorting us from one destination to another, waiting for hours outside while we held meetings, not only put soldiers at risk, it made us greater targets. Half the people in my office were Iraqis, and I could pass for Iraqi so long as I kept my mouth shut. We preferred to travel in our translators’ cars (including an 11-year-old Oldsmobile with velvet seat covers), unarmed, without flak jacket or helmet, with me usually up front, window down, and always, always, without a seat belt. Wearing a seat belt was a dead giveaway that you were American.

My staff and I went out almost every day, for tea with the Ministry staff or dinner at the houses of Iraqi friends, to talk with students at a university or walk a campus with a dean. We varied our routes and times. We never told anyone, not even a university president, when exactly we’d arrive—“between ten and one” was accepted. Our precautions seemed adequate. Still, it was disconcerting to drive by a beggar on the street with a cardboard sign around his neck that read in Arabic, “Will Kill for Money.”

MY STAFF AND I BECAME CLOSE FRIENDS WITH an older woman who worked fairly high up in our Ministry. She was a Christian. While she seemed pleased that the Coalition had swept out Saddam Hussein’s Baathists, the rumor persisted that her family had prospered greatly under the previous regime. Christians being a clear and easily crushable minority, Saddam often relied on them. Tariq Aziz, Saddam’s deputy, was a Christian, as were, I’m told, Saddam’s barbers and cooks. Anyone who could poison him or slit his throat had to be Christian.

On September 29, 2003, just two weeks after I arrived in Baghdad, kidnappers took this woman’s middle-aged son. He was a dentist, and they grabbed him as he left his clinic. The ransom was set at \$300,000.

During the son’s captivity, which he spent mostly sitting in a chair with his blindfold removed, he got a good look at the kidnappers. There were about 12 of them, all about 20 to 25 years old. They had primitive tattoos and bragged among themselves about how long each had spent in prison. In all likelihood, they were among the thousands of common criminals Saddam released and pardoned just before the Coalition forces arrived. There was one person whom the son was not allowed to look at: the head of the gang, a person referred to as “Hajji”—that is, a man who has made the pilgrimage to Mecca.

The kidnappers kept the son for five days, maintaining contact with the family using his mobile phone. The son was no fool—he knew he was only worth money alive, so he refused all offers of food and drink. His keepers would put roasted chicken to his mouth, and he would refuse. Finally, he collapsed. Probably not wanting a worthless corpse on their hands, the kidnappers settled for a payment of \$23,000.

The woman’s husband was instructed as to where to drive with the ransom. He was told which of his cars to take and to stop when he saw headlights blinking at him. Without anyone getting out, he handed the money through an open car window to two men in their thirties dressed in jackets and ties. They sported “Elvis Presley” hairstyles, with a big wave in the front, and they drove a white BMW, without plates.

The son was returned in a convoy of three cars, with him in the middle car. He could tell that the convoy passed



Ministry of Education building, May 25, 2003

through at least two Iraqi police checkpoints without incident, this despite the fact that he sat upright in the back seat blindfolded.

BEFORE SADDAM WAS CAPTURED, SIGHTINGS OF him were everywhere. He was seen dressed as a woman. He was driving a taxi. He was hidden in this house, or that house, or down the block; in Baghdad, in Tikrit, in Mosul.

If everyone knew someone who knew someone who knew where he was, why, I would ask, did no one turn him in? The reward, after all, was \$25 million.

Ah, the reward. "That's the problem," a professor told me, "the reward is too big."

"Why is the reward too big?"

"Because it should only be a thousand dollars, or maybe two."

"Okay, I give up; why should it only be a thousand or two thousand dollars?"

"Because of what happened to the poor man who turned in the two sons." That is, Saddam's two sons, Uday and Qusay.

"Well, from everything I know, he was paid the money—\$30 million—as promised, and is now living secretly somewhere, probably in Europe, enjoying himself. Do you think he was never given the money, or that he's terrorized by



the thought of friends of Saddam finding and killing him?"

"No, Saddam has no friends; besides, the man is already dead—everyone knows the story. Yes, the Americans gave him the money, just as they said they would. They didn't even give him a check, because no one would trust that—they gave him real money, green money [what Iraqis call U.S. bills], and the American soldiers brought him to the Turkish border so he could get out of Iraq.

"But in the valley just before the border, the American soldiers killed him and took the money. Thirty million dollars is too much for anyone to have. Besides, the soldiers have families, too."

I asked a number of Iraqis over the weeks if they had heard the story. "Yes." Did they believe it? Everyone said yes

except Hasan, my translator. "No one could carry that much money in cash," he said, "even if he drove it in a truck."

EVERY NOW AND THEN THE U.S. ARMY WOULD find a cache of money in a raid on one of Saddam's hiding places. Since it was money that belonged to the Iraqi people, the Army would give it to the various ministries or to the senior advisors to use beneficially. Much of it went to rebuild primary schools, and a good bit went to clinics and hospitals, the sentimental favorites of the troops. But some of it we managed to secure for higher education.

In one case, my predecessor obtained a little over \$43,000

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to give to one of the universities that had been looted after the war. The funds were earmarked to fix doors, windows, and walls that the hooligans had broken down.

Months went by, and the administrator who'd received the money left his job for one at another university, without the work being started. I called him at his new job, and in my most irate and sententious voice asked him what he had done with the money. We all knew that corruption was endemic to Iraqi society, as much after the war as before, but this was money provided him by the Army, I said, and the Army wanted to know what had happened to it; one way or another, the Army would get it back. (Actually, the military hadn't given the money a second thought—my staff and I were the ones who were miffed.)

There was quiet at the other end. Then this: "I haven't done anything with the money. I never spent it and I've been waiting for you to come and take it back."

"Where is it?"

"Under my bed."

"You have \$43,000 sitting under your bed?"

"Yes."

He added, "I've been waiting for months for you to call. My family and I are very afraid to go to sleep each night with all this money in the house."

We made a date to get together the next morning at his new office to transfer the cash back. It was a Friday, so there would be few if any people around. I took Jim Mollen, a colleague from the office, and Marv, a former Green Beret who would be our protection, and Hasan, who knew the way and would drive. We managed to get past campus security with our weapons, barely. Jim had his pistol hidden behind him, under his belt. Just as we passed the guards the gun slipped and fell down his pants leg. Why it didn't go off and blow off half his ass is still a mystery.

We met the administrator in a corner office, down a long hall. He was sitting behind a big desk with a large paper grocery bag in front of him. In it was the money—more than \$43,000 in *twenties*.

With Marv outside the door, we counted out the bills into thousand-dollar piles, then recounted. It was all there, almost. About \$80 was missing. The administrator stared at us in disbelief. He didn't take the money; he swore he didn't.

Of course we believed him. If he'd had a larcenous heart he would have kept it all and given us some cockamamy story about how the university still had it or how thieves robbed him on the way to the office. My guess is that the Army miscounted it at the beginning. Still, the man was so mortified that he took out his wallet and made up the difference.

HASAN, THE TRANSLATOR, TOOK A TAXI TO WORK one morning. The driver was spooked by something that had happened earlier in the week, and he seemed desperate to talk about it.

A few days before, a scruffy man with a package got in his cab and asked to be taken to a street in the heart of downtown Baghdad. By his accent it was clear he was not an Iraqi.

"I am going to blow up a place where the Americans are. Will you take me there and die with me?"

"What do you mean to do?"

"I have a bomb in this package, and I am willing to blow myself up to have the Americans die with me. Will you come?"

"No, I'm afraid to die. I'm not ready to die."

"But those who die for Allah, those who die for just and holy causes, are given the greatest of rewards."

"Still, many innocent people will perish with you. You may not kill them. It's not right that they should die."

"They will go to Paradise with me."

"But if they are not ready? If they have sins?"

"In martyrdom, Allah forgives all sins."

"But if you kill the fathers of children? Why should the children suffer?"

"They will be the children of martyrs. Allah will provide. Are you coming with me?"

When the driver again said no, the foreigner made him turn off the cab and give him the car keys. He then walked down the block and set off the bomb.

TWAS HAVING BREAKFAST WITH THE DEAN OF A college at one of the major Iraq universities. He was an amiable person in his gruff way, and would, I think, call himself a realist. "Tell me," he said at one point, "you're an



Al-Mustansriyah University administration building, Baghdad, January 24, 2004

educated American—do you really think Arabs crashed those planes into the Twin Towers?"

"Yes," I replied, "don't you?"

"Absolutely not. Couldn't be. Arabs can't fly planes like that."

I had heard this silliness before about Arabs and their inability to do anything remotely complicated; it's a Middle-Eastern form of self-effacement, to make a larger point or put blame on others.

"But what of the 19 Arabs who were on the planes? What were they up to?"

"I heard they were all going to a wedding."

The fact that the planes took off for different cities didn't matter. That was the rumor and therefore, as Hasan might wryly say, it had to be true. (Hasan was a secular Muslim and an architect. There were two things you could count on when dining at his home with him and his wife: as much beer and scotch as you might want, and the Fashion Channel on the television.)

"Well, then," I asked the dean, "who did fly the planes?"

"Americans," he answered. "You flew the planes into the buildings yourselves."

"Why would we do that?"

"In order to blame us, then come here to get our oil."

I explained that, if oil were what we wanted, we could more easily have cut a deal with Saddam.

He thought about this for a second or two.

"From what I understand, you cannot have blacks for slaves anymore in America. Your Supreme Court won't let you. But I think that you could have Arabs for slaves, and I think you flew the planes into the buildings to blame the Arabs so you could come here to take Arabs to be slaves in your houses."

I'm not sure what exactly I said in response, but it was something to the effect that Americans are interested neither in having Arabs as slaves nor in killing our fellow citizens for that purpose.

At this he brightened. "Of course you would kill each other to get slaves. I know you had a civil war with each other because many of you wanted to have slaves. But put that aside. Maybe you crashed the planes for the sake of learning, for the sake of science."

I'm sure my face went blank. "Science?"

"Yes, like when your great President Reagan blew up the *Challenger* in order to see what would happen scientifically. You remember, he gave that speech where he praised the astronauts for having sacrificed so much for the progress of science."



Tikrit University dormitory, September 6, 2004

I'VE SAID THAT WE CIVILIANS PREFERRED TO GO out by ourselves rather than with military escort, to be less visible. But there was another reason. Too often, traveling with soldiers was simply unbearable. Often, in the lead Humvee there would be a soldier standing in the hatch, pointing his fist, often in a black glove, at any car that dared get near. "Back off, you f****r," would be the repeated refrain, as he pointed his weapon at Iraqis. These were, in almost every instance, ordinary people going to work, going to market, minding their business. And they didn't need a grasp of English to know that they were being cursed on their own streets.

Don't misunderstand me. There were also military doctors who saved countless Iraqi civilians from death and disfigurement, who made no distinction between our soldiers' lives and theirs. Some military personnel helped us set up nursing programs and supply medical schools with books and equipment. Others cadged computers from their companies back home to distribute to Iraqi universities, built classrooms, found money to fix dormitories. One colonel helped to start the first agricultural extension service in Iraq and also organized fishing tournaments for Baghdad children. Others managed to get TVs into women's dormitories to help increase their openness to the outside world. Most of these

good things were done by the civil affairs part of the military operation, primarily by soldiers in the Guard and Reserves—people with a few years on them and real-world experience.

TWO AND A HALF MONTHS AFTER ARRIVING IN Iraq, I returned to Washington to speak at various think tanks in hopes of drumming up interest in Iraqi higher education. Word reached me that the World Bank was interested in talking about support. I met with an enormously unpleasant European at the World Bank who made it quite clear that she preferred to talk only with Iraqis. She had tried, repeatedly she said, to contact the Minister of Higher Education, but he had never returned her phone calls.

I found out later that the minister had no idea what the World Bank was. I could only envision his face when his assistant would tell him the World Bank was on the line—he probably had the same reaction most of us do when our bank calls: Does any bank ever call with good news? So he repeatedly refused her calls.

Sadly, she was stuck talking with me. When she asked me what projects were under way, I mentioned the need for everything from desks, chairs, and chalk to the rebuilding of

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whole libraries and establishment of modern Internet connections. I noted that at least three Iraqi universities were toying with strengthening their liberal arts offerings, to the point of creating new liberal arts colleges. With that, the woman's attitude changed from boredom to contempt. "Just what the world needs," she said, "more unemployed Iraqis."

DURING THE WEEK OF ASHURA, ONE OF THE most highly placed professors I knew, a devout Sunni, asked me if I had seen the TV pictures of Shiite pilgrims whipping themselves. No, I hadn't, though I did know that during this week devout Shi'a would do penance by flagellating themselves with chains, often tipped with blades or sharpened points.

It is "horrible, disgusting" what these people, these Shiite people, do to their God-given bodies, he said. "Animals. People who do this are nothing but animals." Then he paused for a second and said, in a lower voice, "No, they're worse than animals. Not even an animal would do that to itself."

Another Sunni acquaintance had recently made the Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca. He'd found himself thrown in with a group of Shiite pilgrims. He had never spent time with the Shi'a before, didn't know any personally, but he had always thought of them as coreligionists. The Shi'a began to sing a hymn, he said. All around him they were singing that the Archangel Gabriel had violated Allah's command by giving the Koran to Mohammed instead of Ali, Mohammed's son-in-law. The hymn portrayed Gabriel as, in his words, "a traitor to the will of Allah."

"How could they say that?" he asked me. "These people are not real Muslims. These people are heretics, all of them. They shouldn't be allowed to sing that." And in a lower voice, "They shouldn't be allowed."

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2004, BEGAN LIKE ANY other morning in the Green Zone. Scrambled eggs, bacon, coffee, grits. Then came the thud that meant a bomb

had gone off or a mortar had landed someplace nearby. This was odd. Since Christmas, when attacks against the Green Zone had begun in earnest, almost all the bombing had come at night, between eight and midnight. Still, it seemed pretty far away, so we kept on eating.

In fact, the war took a new turn that day. Instead of targeting Americans and Brits, someone blew up a car and himself as well at the Green Zone's north gate, used by most Iraqis who worked with the Coalition. Thirty-six Iraqis were killed.

Among them was Hadeel. I'd met Hadeel for the first time just the day before, though I had seen her working down the hall in the Finance Ministry office. She was 23, with light brown hair and a friendly smile, and she was engaged to be married. On Saturday I sat with her and four or five other young women, and with Suhail, one of our translators, and his wife, who had been newly hired by the Coalition. Hadeel was a Christian; Suhail had been her catechism teacher.

Today she was dying. Tomorrow, Monday, she would be dead. "Burned black all over," I was told by those allowed to visit her in the hospital. The other young women had been with her in a car. They'd been blown out of it by the explosion. Hadeel was left in the car and burned as it melted around her. In some ways, she was the lucky one. The others, I am told, no longer have faces; they are blind and deaf, with metal and glass pieces embedded in their bodies. I don't know this firsthand, but it's likely true. For sure, Hadeel is dead.

Not all the Iraqis killed that morning were going to work for the Coalition. A van of girls on their way to high school also crossed the bomber's path. They, too, burned to death.

Soon after, a number of Iraqis who worked for the Coalition quit. Most who stayed stopped telling people where they worked. Suhail's wife left the first week. By the end of six months, of the three translators in my office, only one, a man without wife or children, remained. ■

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CONVERSATIONS ON JUSTICE, POWER, AND THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED SCHOLARS, journalists, lawyers, and students on October 21 in Robsham Theater, some of the country's best and abiding observers of the "least dangerous branch," as Alexander Hamilton referred to the U.S. Supreme Court, met to consider the court's current state and recent course. Guided by moderators Jeffrey Rosen (professor of law at George Washington University and legal affairs editor of the *New Republic*), Lincoln Caplan (former editor of *Legal Affairs*), and Randall Kennedy (Michael R. Kline Professor of Law at Harvard Law School), the exchanges were lively, collegial, and occasionally disputatious. This was the third in a series of annual public discussions cosponsored by Boston College and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities; previous topics were "Presidential Reputations," in 2004, and "The Legacy of the Voting Rights Act of 1965," in 2005. The event may be viewed in full at www.bc.edu/frontrow. A sampler follows.

"The culture has extolled expertise"

DAVID GREENBERG

OUR NOTIONS OF WHAT MAKES A GREAT JUSTICE AND who should be chosen for the Supreme Court have changed throughout history. In any era, a good mind and legal record have been important, but only in the last 30 or 40 years have the circuit courts—especially the D.C. Circuit Court—become the breeding ground. If you look at the great justices of the 20th century, there are many who did not have experience on the circuit courts—including Hugo Black, Earl Warren, Harlan Stone, and Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The résumés of candidates for the Supreme Court have tended also in the past 40 years to vaunt extensive experience on the faculties of the very top law schools. I'm not saying that isn't reasonable, but it is different from how it was in other times. Since the Progressive Era, really, the culture has extolled expertise in all the professional realms—medicine, history, academia, and so on.

There are different kinds of justices. Do you highly rate a judge because his lone dissent is brilliant, or because he or she writes an opinion that's a little less brilliant but somehow manages to get four others to agree with it? Both are valid criteria. Justice William Brennan's particular talent was for cobbling together majority positions through personal warmth and cajoling. Antonin Scalia is by many accounts quite cordial and civil to his fellow justices in person, but his temperament as expressed in his written opinions probably cost him the chief justice post.

The public image of justices is important. If a justice or a judge is giving political speeches and participating in fundraisers, a point can be reached at which the public will cease to have confidence in his or her impartiality, open-mindedness, and intellectual humility.

And yet, we're in an age of populist style, where presidents half the time don't wear suits and ties but sweaters, and the idea is to seem as much like an ordinary citizen as possible. There is a way in which a justice's reputation may be harmed if he or she is seen as too much the expert, too much of the ivory tower.

"How cloistered the current justices are"

JUDGE RICHARD A. POSNER

THE SUPREME COURT IS A POLITICAL COURT, AND what one wants on such a court is primarily people who have worldly experience and diverse perspectives. It's

remarkable how cloistered the current justices are. They have very limited experience when you compare them to someone like Robert Jackson, a Supreme Court justice in the 1940s and early 1950s, a confidante of President Roosevelt who'd been solicitor general of the United States and U.S. attorney general, chief prosecutor at Nuremberg as well as a practicing lawyer. He'd never gone to law school. He was very smart but also very experienced, and it shows in his opinions.

I'll give an example of what I regard as an extremely dumb Supreme Court decision: *Clinton v. Jones*. That's the case in 1997 in which President Clinton was asking for temporary immunity from the sexual harassment suit brought by Paula Jones until his term of office was over. The delay would have been two years. The Supreme Court turned him down, unanimously. Speaking of cloistered, they didn't realize how explosive a sex case against a president would be, that all sorts of terrible things could happen. It was after Clinton was turned down for immunity that he was deposed by Paula Jones's lawyers and lied, and impeachment ensued. The country didn't need this.

One of the problems with conventional legal reasoning, which I regard as largely nonsense, is that it convinces some judges that they have the keys to knowledge of the universe. They come down on one side of a case and they know they're right because they've used some rigorous method that resembles logic or scientific experimentation. You'd like to have justices who are practical and can see train wrecks coming, who have a kind of intellectual suppleness that enables them to deal with a fact-specific case, to distinguish between a sex case against a President and a breach of contract.

"Cases, not abstract legal issues"

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THINKING ABOUT THE PLACE OF DOING JUSTICE IN A justice's job, two Supreme Court opinions come to mind. A recent example is from a case in 2006, *Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway v. White*, about whether Title VII of the Civil Rights Act prohibits employers from retaliating against workers who bring discrimination claims. In the opinion for the court, which ruled unanimously, Justice Stephen Breyer expressed concern that if an employee could be penalized in the short term by termination or suspension without pay—even if the employee was ultimately paid—workers might be deterred from bringing a discrimination claim. It was a comment about the justice of the case, with

Breyer putting himself in the place of the worker trying to stand up for his or her rights.

The other opinion that comes to mind is a dissent that Thurgood Marshall wrote in *The United States v. Kras*, in 1973. This case, decided 5 to 4, was about whether people who were indigent and could demonstrate that they were unable to pay the fees should be entitled to a waiver of bankruptcy court filing fees. The majority held no—that there is not a constitutional right to relief from one's debts in bankruptcy. Justice Marshall wrote that the members of the court might disagree about what the Constitution requires, but they should at least understand the impact of their decision on real people's lives.

Judges are not law professors, and courts are deciding

cases, not abstract legal issues. Doing justice is an important consideration for judges.

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WHAT MAKES A DECISION A GOOD DECISION

"A case that flunked several tests"

AKHIL REED AMAR

FROM THE FOUNDING TO 1850, THE U.S. SUPREME Court invalidated one act of Congress. We all know the case—*Marbury v. Madison*, in 1803. At issue was one part of one sentence of a long statute dealing with the jurisdiction of courts. William Rehnquist served as chief justice from 1986 to 2005; in the Rehnquist Court's middle years, the Supreme Court was invalidating acts of Congress, on average, four times a year. Justice Antonin Scalia says Congress is passing a lot more unconstitutional laws today. Well, maybe, although an 18th-century Congress passed the Sedition Act making it a crime to criticize federal officials, and the Supreme Court didn't strike that down.

In evaluating court decisions, the distinction of "judicial restraint" is generally held to be a good. But there are a number of meanings the term can have, pulling in different directions. It can refer to restraint vis-à-vis the will of the legislature, by which measure we have lately had an unrestrained court. It can mean restraint vis-à-vis the text and original understanding of the Constitution. Sometimes restraint in one direction rules out restraint in the other.

Another vision of judicial restraint centers on the cases previously decided by the court. When the court took up *Brown v. Board of Education* in the early 1950s, a precedent, *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), was still on the books. The Constitution mandated equality; *Plessy* winked at the facts and said that separate could be equal. The justices couldn't do justice to both.

A case that flunked several tests of judicial restraint was *Bush v. Gore*, in 2000. The Constitution, I think, envi-

sioned that the determination of an election so disputed would be given to Congress and the states. The court's action was unprecedented, essentially saying to the lower courts, we're not going to follow this decision in the future and don't try this at home. Judge Posner has written that perhaps the opinion was pragmatically justified, because Florida's courts and legislature, the U.S. House and Senate, and the country were divided. I might agree if the court's decision had been unanimous rather than divided 5 to 4 along partisan lines. The justices flunked the test of partisan restraint, too.

"Where I can see the justices struggling"

MARY-ROSE PAPANDREA

FOR A LOWER COURT JUDGE, SPLINTERED SUPREME Court decisions are the worst. And the worst of the worst are cases decided by plurality opinions where we cannot say with certainty that the court actually resolved an issue. The trial court judge is left to decide, do I follow the four votes, or maybe three votes, of the controlling plurality opinion? Do I take into consideration that the composition of the court has changed since the decision was rendered?

But is a unanimous decision—or the narrowest decision—necessarily preferable? For *Brown v. Board of Education*, it may have been. There certainly was a conscious effort by the court in that politically controversial case, in an increasingly polarized society, to have a unanimous decision. In the abstract, however, minimalism and unanimity are not virtues in and of themselves. When we have multiple opinions we see the process; we see the different justices

working with and against each other. A vigorous dissent forces the majority to confront the points it raises. And if the majority doesn't confront them, that says something, as well. As a law professor, I like the decisions where I can see the justices struggling.

Since *Brown*, or perhaps slightly before, courts have been popularly perceived as part of the political process, and the focus has been on judicial outcomes more than judicial process. Legislators keep the courts in mind from the start as they draft legislation. Opponents of the legislation begin thinking about where it will end up in the courts and how they will frame their case. As an attorney, Thurgood Marshall argued a series of cases in front of the Supreme Court prior to *Brown*, to prep the nation for the greater revolution that *Brown* brought. We see a similar strategy now within the gay rights movement as *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003)—in which the Supreme Court cited the 14th Amendment in overturning by 6 to 3 a state ban on certain same-sex sexual activity—was part of an effort to bring the issue to the Supreme Court rather than waiting to see what would happen in the more traditional political arena.

“We will always have movement”

MARCI HAMILTON

THE YEAR THAT I CLERKED FOR JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'Connor, 1989–90, started with three cases on the docket that could have raised the question of whether *Roe v. Wade* (1973) was good law. They all settled. In that era, there were bags of mail outside Justice O'Connor's office, thousands of letters telling her how to vote in support of *Roe v. Wade* or berating her to oppose it. Obviously, part of the court's supposed politicization is coming from the public's view of what the court ought to do.

Should we even care if a particular decision is the perfect

outcome? In the United States, we work in incremental additions and judgments of the law. When a case is decided, the issue doesn't disappear. It comes back up, and if the first decision was unworkable, the decision may well be modified. Maybe it will be modified in a worse decision. But we will always have movement, because this is a common law, case-by-case judicial system.

The case of *Miranda v. Arizona*, in 1966, which required police to apprise individuals in custody of their rights, is instructive. At first, conservatives were extremely unhappy, saying, how can you require that of the police? Yet, over time, Mirandizing became absorbed into the culture. At this point, your six-year-old can give you your rights. Decades later, Chief Justice Rehnquist had an opportunity to do what he said he'd wanted to do for years, which was to overturn *Miranda* because it represents an inappropriate exercise of judicial power with respect to local enforcement. And what did he do when given that opportunity? He wrote an opinion in which he said, you know what, *Miranda* is in place, it's not so bad, it's not hurting anybody, we all know what it is, so it stays.

In the larger system of common law, the courts reach a decision, then test it, and test it again. Even if *Miranda* seemed wrong at the time of the decision, the fact that it was so workable, and absorbed by the culture, shows that experience with a legal rule is crucial in fully assessing its positive and negative potential.

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THE SUPREME COURT, JURISPRUDENCE, AND PRESIDENTIAL POWERS

“A democracy-forcing rule”

JACK LANDMAN GOLDSMITH

THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT CASES THAT THE Supreme Court has decided with respect to the war on terrorism are:

- *Hamdi v. Rumsfeld* (2004), which held that the president had the power, pursuant to Congressional authorization, to detain an American citizen, Yaser Hamdi, allegedly a member of the Taliban captured on the battlefield in Afghanistan,

until the end of the Afghan conflict, but also that Hamdi had certain minimal due process rights in the determination of whether, in fact, he was an enemy combatant as asserted;

- *Rasul v. Bush* (2004), which held that the federal courts' habeas corpus jurisdiction extended to the detainees on Guantanamo Bay;
- *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld* (2006), in which the court invalidated the Bush administration's scheme for trying Guantanamo detainees employing military commissions, on the grounds that the president had not abided by the restrictions

that Congress had put on the use of such commissions, including compliance with the laws of war.

In all three of these cases, the president ostensibly lost. But the court ruled on statutory grounds in a way that left the door open for him to go back to Congress for the authorization to do what he wanted to do. And so the Military Commissions Act, passed by Congress and signed on October 17, 2006, basically authorized the president to do most of what he had been doing in the absence of express Congressional authorization. Similarly in *Hamdi*, the habeas corpus case, the court ruled only on the statutory ground, leaving it to Congress to come back and say something different. (In fact, so minimal were the protections laid out by the court for Yaser Hamdi that with the passage of time the case doesn't look like much of a rebuke to the administration, after all.) None of these decisions questioned the president's power to detain enemy combatants during the conflict. None of them questioned the ultimate power to try them by military commission.

What the court did, especially in *Rasul* and *Hamdan*, was say to the president, you can't do this on your own. It imposed what some people have called a democracy-forcing rule. And to the extent that the court has successfully forced Congress into the fray—in a way that the president didn't and Congress itself didn't—I think it has done a good job.

“The rock-bottom moment”

DAHLIA LITHWICK

THERE ARE A LOT OF NUANCED PLACES BETWEEN A peacetime governmental system of checks and balances and the plenary power of the president in war. The position that the current administration takes is that the president answers to no one. At oral argument in *Hamdi*, *Rasul*, and *Hamdan*, the justices, particularly the swing justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy, struggled with the solicitor general as if to say, give us something here, move an inch away from this notion that absolutely no check exists on the president in wartime. But invariably there was the sense from the solicitor general that he would not give them that.

Probably the most important line penned in the war on terrorism has been Justice O'Connor's in the *Hamdi* case: “A state of war is not a blank check for the president.” It's the line we're going to quote to our great-grandchildren some day. The court didn't go far beyond that, however. It didn't spell out exactly what due process meant in the Guantanamo cases, for instance. The problem was that Congress wasn't doing its job, and what the court said was, catch up to the parade, Congress, and make some law. It was humble and minimalist and democracy-inspiring.

To me, the rock-bottom moment as a Constitutional mat-

ter came later, in fall 2006, when Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) said he would not vote for a proposed compromise detainee treatment bill because it was unconstitutional and because it suspended rights that go back to the Magna Carta, and then voted for it, along with a lot of others in Congress who had staked out similar positions. The result was the Military Commissions Act, and of it Specter said, the Supreme Court will “clean it up.”

“Because this war may never end”

ANTHONY LEWIS

LET'S REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED IN *HAMDY* AND ITS then companion case, *Rumsfeld v. Padilla*, in 2004. In *Padilla*, the president was asserting the power to seize an American citizen in America, label that person an enemy combatant without any process whatever, detain that person for the rest of his life without a trial and without access to counsel, in a Navy brig under conditions that latterly, Padilla has asserted, were brutal, involving threats and beatings. That is one of the most extreme situations encountered in this country in my lifetime. And I would say that it mattered that the Supreme Court, almost in passing, said in *Hamdi*, of course you're going to give him counsel. In a couple of sentences near the end of her opinion, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote, well, of course there'll be counsel.

Hamdi, *Padilla*, *Rasul*, and *Hamdan* all come framed in a reality that's quite different from that of any previous war we've fought. It's different from the situation in World War II that produced *Ex Parte Quirin*, the case of the Nazi saboteurs who landed on Long Island in a submarine and whose trial by a military commission was upheld by the Supreme Court in 1942. It's different from all of our other wars because this war may never end. This is a war against an inchoate bunch of people, terrorists, defined by our government. It will stop when some president says there's no terror anymore, and I'm not sure I'm going to live to that day.

In a war forever, the rules, legal theories, legislation, and processes for dealing with the law are more important than ever.

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Q&A Notes

QUOTABLE

"We need to have a laity that . . . sees engagement in public life as part of what discipleship is about.

Particularly since the Council, we seem to have clericalized our laity; everybody feels that the way to be a good Catholic is to somehow be involved in a liturgical function. Now, that's all wonderful—the liturgy is the highest point in our life.

But the competence of the laity should be to transform society with the values of the Gospel."

—Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM, of Boston, when asked by a BC student to describe "the relationship between politics and religion," during a Q&A session on campus, January 30, 2007

Schools of thought

by Michael J. Buckley, SJ

Boston College used to be called a Jesuit university. Why should we now call it Jesuit and Catholic?

WHEN JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING, bishop of Peoria from 1877 to 1908, urged the establishment of Catholic universities in the United States, he argued that only in an "atmosphere of faith and purity, of high thinking and plain living" would young men "become more intimately conscious of the truth of their religion and of the genius of their country." Spalding represented the best of those thinking aloud on this subject at that time in the United States, yet the universities that were emerging, fortified by his appeals, were generally "custodial" institutions. They transmitted a teaching, the common teaching of the magisterium, and this body of doctrine or creedal affiliation afforded a criterion by which faculty was selected, curriculum chosen, and morals enforced. The purpose of these universities was the formation of faithful, catechetically orthodox Catholics who were good Americans.

Counter-positions were permitted within them, but usually more as tokens or as a stimulus to study and refutation than as a serious invitation to the kind of inquiry, conversation, and debate from which Catholic culture could learn and grow.

Those universities and colleges were "Catholic" because their elements were Catholic: Their teachers were clerical, often religious under vows, with Catholic laymen and laywomen added as clerics proved insufficient in number or lacked specialized education; their students were Catholic, frequently from families concerned that the faith of young adults be safeguarded; their textbooks and libraries were vetted, often ecclesiastically censored.

The Church in the United States stands deeply indebted to those early institutions. At their best, they transmitted the books, tradition, spirit, and culture of generations richer than their own. A fatal internal con-



Mass celebrated on the steps of Bapst Library, Tuesday, October 6, 1953

tradition, however, eventually emerged in many of the custodial universities.

Dogmatic commitments were read as if in tension with the defining orientation of the university toward open, free discussion and unhampered research and argument in a setting where all forms of human knowledge and serious opinion have a place. It is this tension that Catholic educators have attempted to negotiate over the past 50 years—sometimes at great personal cost and misunderstanding.

The attempt has led to the significant, even revolutionary changes in Catholic higher education that followed Vatican II and has registered a massive influence upon the universal Church. It has also occasioned polemics and accusations of betrayal and cowardice. It has led to widespread charges that Jesuit and other Catholic universities have ceased to be emphatically Catholic. For the Holy Cross

theologian James Tunstead Burtchel, CSC, it marks “the dying of the light.” In response, counter-institutions have been established, notably Christendom College in Virginia, Thomas Aquinas in California, Magdalen in New Hampshire, and the only new Catholic university opened in recent years, Ave Maria University in south Florida.

Perhaps also in response, Jesuit universities have begun increasingly to describe themselves as “Jesuit, Catholic universities.” Loyola University of Chicago, for example, maintains in its statement of mission that it is a Jesuit Catholic university, “seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice and faith.” Boston College in its mission statement, written in 1996, holds that “as a Catholic and Jesuit university, it is rooted in a world view that encounters God in all creation

and through all human activity, especially in the search for truth in every discipline, in the desire to learn, and in the call to live justly together.” There are two novelties in such statements that bear attending to: the explicit introduction of “Catholic” into prose where, it seems to me, “Jesuit” once sufficed; and the immediate emphasis that follows, on diversity and academic excellence—as if these might be read to be in some danger because of the universities’ Catholic identity.

It is generally admitted that the academic quality of Jesuit universities and colleges has significantly improved in the past half-century, placing some of them among the very best universities in the nation and many more high in the ranks of solid educational institutions. These days, Jesuit universities are under serious attack, not for their academic standing, but with respect to their credibility as Catholic

institutions. And so they have responded now with explicit insistence upon their Catholic character. Google the phrases “Catholic Jesuit” and “Jesuit Catholic,” and nearly 140,000 links appear.

But can a Jesuit university be expressly Catholic without returning to the custodial template of the past? Must it admit that a true university can no more be “Catholic” than a chemistry department? I would argue that the university can claim and foster a profoundly Catholic character, but only by articulating a renewed sense of what it means to be a Catholic institution of higher learning. The universities now engaged in this undertaking are attempting to formulate an institution that has never existed in the history of the Church: a Catholic university inclusive of the diversity of religious, social, and political understandings that mark both American culture and the range proper to a university.

IN THIS ENDEAVOR, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES start out with certain advantages—common factors that endow and continue to nourish their character and that cause this renewed formulation to be an organic one. I refer to four major influences: (1) the community out of which the Catholic university comes and by which it is sustained; (2) the purpose that it is to serve; (3) the spirit and structures that inform it; and (4) the presence of Catholic tradition, reflection, and mores among its most significant components. Let me say just a word about each.

To begin with, the Catholic university in America clearly came out of and is supported by the Catholic community, which, according to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, must “strive to relate all human culture eventually to the news of salvation.” Notice that the Church is to be concerned with “all human culture,” all modes of discourse and thought and professional life, no matter how varied and contradictory. The Catholic university is part of this common concern of the Church and its members, effective through the advancement of knowledge (research) and the educational development of its students (teaching). It is the instrument through which the Church enters reflectively and with some depth into its relationship with culture. For this reason, John

Paul II wrote that the Catholic university is “born from the heart of the Church.”

I would push this notion further. I would contend that the Catholic university is part of the universal Church, one of the manifest subcommunities in which the Church visibly exists. The Catholic university is as much a Catholic community in its own unique, pluralistic way as is the parish, the monastery, the hospital, the family, a *comunidad de base*, the pontifical Academy of Sciences, the Vatican Observatory, a diocese. These Catholic communities differ radically among themselves; each has its respective membership, constitution, government, origins, urgency, and purpose. But each in its own way is part of the body of the universal Church.

Second, the Catholic university is Catholic because its purpose includes not

versity. But to the degree that a university’s life is permeated by love for the truth to be explored, for the students and faculty who are to assimilate and advance such truth, and for the world they are called upon to serve—and to the extent that such love bespeaks the influence of Christ and the Church—you have a Catholic university in fact as well as in protestation. Informing the academic atmosphere should be such markers of a Catholic spirit as a pervasive commitment to social justice, the richness of the campus’s liturgical life and retreat programs, and so on. The only spirit that can ultimately specify any community as Christian is charity, that love of friendship for God that embodies the influence and teaching of Christ and that binds women and men to one another. In a Catholic university, this comes to a love for the truth and for human beings that they possess so

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only the education and research commitments mentioned above, but because it has made a deliberate determination to render to the Church a forum where, in utter academic freedom, the variant lines of Catholic tradition and thought can intersect with the most complex challenges, contradictions, and reinforcements of contemporary thought, moving toward a unity of meaning and coherence in which all things are assimilated into Christ. No other institution can render this critically important contribution to the Christian community as a whole. Without it, the commitments of faith disintegrate into sectarian polemics whose only strength lies in their isolation.

Third, a university is Catholic not only in its source and purpose, but also in the spirit and activity that mark and energize it. Formative education, academic exchange, and collaborative inquiry constitute the fundamental activity of any uni-

great a good. Ignatius of Loyola understood this. In almost the first lines of his treatment of universities, he speaks of Jesuit universities as being initiated from the “motive of charity.”

Fourth, there is the indispensable presence—strong and influential, but not exclusive—of Catholic intellectuals, those who understand the Church in her tradition and teaching and who have found faith to be an illumination and entrance to wisdom. They are the ones through whom the many different Christian philosophies and theologies whose inspiration is the manifestation of God in Christ reach out to contact another world whose inspiration is other, but whose commitment to dialogue is no less real. This dialogue constitutes much of the life of a vital Catholic university. Without such Catholic scholars, intellectuals, professors, the Catholic identity of these institutions will inevitably fail—living on only in the catalogues and

official pronouncements of the university after the faculty has long since ceased to espouse the vision.

The presence of Catholic intellectuals is obviously necessary and urgent, but not sufficient. Essential is the presence on the faculty of members of other traditions, both religious and humanistic. They should find in the Catholic university a strong support for the religious and humanistic values they represent, a support they might not find in any number of other academic institutions. *Gaudium et spes* (1965), the pastoral constitution on the Church in the modern world, states that whatever is human enters with peculiar efficacy into the concerns of the Church. And the Church adds its own religious sense of urgency to those values that engage all human desire and longing. For this reason, members of the faculty who represent a learned tradition other than Catholic should never find themselves alien within this world. The diversity of traditions and philosophies they represent is essential for the university, necessary so that the university be a university and universal human culture be present and in the discussion—precisely because the university is Catholic as well as a university. The vitality of Catholic intellectualism should manifest itself in its ability to recognize and reverence in other traditions and cultures the humane and religious values that are there, while those who represent these values should find themselves supported even more strongly as this culture conjoins, to an educated sensibility and moral development, an additional religious inspiration. It can be legitimately hoped, even expected, that all faculty will find the values they love strongly affirmed in a Catholic university and that whatever disagreements arise can provide the incentive for discussion and a common search for truth.

I WOULD GO FURTHER AND CONTEND that the Church's concerns allow and even push a Catholic university to be more of a university precisely because of the presence and influence of the Church—that is, if this does not corrupt into sectarianism. Why? Because the Church insists upon the humane questions that a contemporary secular culture can brand as "religious"

and so exclude from serious academic attention.

We learn something, for example, of the meaning of life from Tolstoy: the great stretches of life's promise and beauty, the pathos of its young loves and misunderstandings, the sorrows of its partings and betrayals. We also learn cumulatively something about human life and death from research in anatomy and physiology, genetics and neurophysiology; we see something of ourselves in the self-replication of DNA and the evolution of the species through natural selection. We learn also about life and death from scholarship in political science and economics: from the historical study of the interactions of nation-states, the massive motivational and practical issues engaged by war and peace, the relationship between interest rates and inflation, between a free market economy and globalization, between welfare and the possibilities of a humane life for the poor. But as one comes to appreciate and love human life in the thousand ways in which it is exhibited in the many disciplines in which it is studied, one can be agonizingly troubled—touched—by its extinction: the death of those we love and the prospect of our own death, the annihilation of vast numbers of human beings in Darfur and Auschwitz, the massive slaughter of innocents in an abortion culture. As we study human life in its manifold richness, the question naturally arises about death: "Is this all that there is to human life?" Is each of life's forms simply awaiting its end? The question is inevitable, especially as we come to love life more deeply.

At a university, the ultimate question about human life and death can be handled in many ways: You can say, the question has no meaning and is out of place in a world of serious scholarship—go see your pastor. You can say that this is a very important question, but it can't be handled by the academic disciplines that prompt it—not by literature, history, economics, sociology, or any of the other such studies out of which it emerges. Every academic discipline raises questions that ultimately transcend it. Alternatively, you can reduce the human problematic to a question of biology or anthropology, chemistry or psychology—as the subject matter of these

sciences is made comprehensive of all life. Or you can say: This is indeed a very important question, and it cannot be handled simply by the courses or the academic culture that provoke it; but there are disciplined patterns of inquiry that grow out of such questions, philosophy and theology, that give this inquiry careful attention.

I do not think it inaccurate or unfair to suggest that the contemporary secular university takes the first path. The question is perceived to be "religious" and so its claims about meaning, about truth and falsity, are dismissed as not part of the culture of higher education. On the other hand, Catholic higher education does explore the meaning of human life, through reflection upon the reality of Christ that we call theological and the myriad disciplines that constitute religious and philosophical studies. Wherever Catholic scholarship is extensive and coherent in its influence, it brings life's promise and beauty, pathos and sorrow, intricate structures and biological drives, massive disagreements and debates about political interactions and economic forces to a coordinate set of philosophical and theological studies—metaphysics, religion, history of ideas, theology—that integrate what it means to hear the great promise of the Gospel: "I have come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." As part of a coherent education, the concerns of the Church insistently raise issues that entail metaphysics, religion, history of ideas, and theology. They very much have their place within a Catholic university.

I call this contribution the life of a Catholic university. Why do I insist upon the qualification "Catholic"? Because this indicates, as honestly as possible, the course and supporting context of the university, its mission, purpose, and spirit, the texture and range of its concerns. All of these conspire to make it a great place for education, research, and debate and for serious conversations about things that matter. ■

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From Bapst Library

It took three men and a hydraulic lift to secure the nine-and-a-half-foot square oil painting by Flemish artist Gaspar de Crayer (1584–1669) to the tower stairwell wall in Bapst Library, on November 1. A gift from the collection of Daniel Sargent, the portrait depicts the Count-Duke of Olivares when he was a trusted *valido* (right-hand man) of Philip IV of Spain and Portugal. Olivares was later exiled for his responsibilities in a foreign policy that spawned rebellions in Portugal and Catalonia. Fine Arts Enterprises installed the work, deemed “too large” for the McMullen Museum, according to Diana Larsen (foreground), the museum’s exhibitions and collection manager.





Captured soldiers in a Soviet camp, circa 1942

TWO SHIPS

by George Crosby '51, MA'52

Prisoners of war

WE ALL HAVE IMAGES ETCHED INTO OUR MEMORY, images we can't erase of events we can't forget. Sixty years later, an event can be as clear as on the day it took place. We see it, we smell the odors, and we hear the sounds.

I WAS A NAVY SIGNALMAN DOING MAINTENANCE WORK ON the bridge of the Liberty ship *Chief Osceola* on a warm April morning in Odessa, Ukraine, in 1945. I looked up and saw another ship docked nearby flashing Morse code on its signal light. I caught the last few words: "Roosevelt is dead."

The news spread quickly among the crew, but the president had died more than 6,000 miles away, and we were too busy to dwell on it. I must admit, I was thinking more about my 18th birthday, which was just a couple of days off. Several of the gunners were planning a celebration in a cellar bar near the top of the Potemkin Steps, a few beers, perhaps a shot of vodka, black bread and cheese. It would

not be like being back home, but it was the best they could arrange.

For several weeks, Romanian prisoners had been slowly unloading a few thousand tons of cordite and black powder from our holds. Back in the States, at the naval ammunition depot on Hog Island in the Delaware River, our entire cargo had been loaded in three days, but things didn't move as fast in Odessa.

At noon a horse-drawn cart driven by Russian soldiers hauled a huge kettle of greasy gray soup dockside. The soldiers dumped a few burlap bags filled with chunks of black bread onto the cobblestones, and flies quickly switched their interest from horse manure to the new treat. The Romanian prisoners formed a line, filled tin cups with the soup, and picked up a single chunk of bread. If they ate their meal fast enough they had time to take off their patched uniforms and pick lice off their clothing before returning to their stevedore tasks.

Four scruffy-looking Australian servicemen came aboard that

day trying to hitch a ride homeward. They had been captured in North Africa, at Tobruk, in 1942, had been liberated from a German prison camp by the Russians, and had spent over a month working their way back through the lines to reach Odessa. Our captain agreed to take them as far as Istanbul on our way home. They had a square meal, a hot shower, and a clean bunk for the first time in over three years. They didn't care when we sailed.

EVERY WEEK OR SO, A DULL-GRAY TROOP TRANSPORT WOULD arrive filled with German prisoners, always docking in the restricted area across the harbor from our ship. There were two of these ships that shuttled back and forth from somewhere. Through binoculars I could see the men, some wearing gray remnants of uniforms, others wearing blue, inching down the gangway single file and being herded into lend-lease American diesel trucks. When a truck was completely loaded, a couple of Russian soldiers would board the cab, the tailgate would be locked, and the truck would depart the harbor area. It was the ship *Bessarabia* one week and the *Transylvania* a week or two later, but the ritual was always the same. As soon as the ships docked, before the city was awake, the blues and the grays shuffled down the ramp to the trucks like a row of ants. Shortly, only a haze of exhaust was left behind.

Later that spring the *Chief Osceola* sailed south, to Constanta, Romania, to unload its remaining cargo. I was on the bridge as we entered the breakwater, and there was the *Transylvania* across the harbor. So this was where the ships started their journey; they were headed, I realized, away from Germany. Instead of going home, their human cargo were likely going to spend a long time, perhaps the rest of their lives, rebuilding what they had spent the previous five years destroying.

But it was no concern of mine. A few more weeks and the *Chief Osceola* would be on its way home. We'd eventually head down through the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmara, the Dardanelles, and around to Fethiye in southern Turkey, where we would load a few thousand tons of chrome ore to push the prop underwater for the long ride home. The European war had ended a few days earlier, so we could sail without waiting for a convoy to form. At eight knots it still would take nearly a month to get back to Baltimore, but we were on the downhill leg of this five-month trip.

IN THE DAYS IT TOOK FOR ANOTHER CONTINGENT OF Romanian prisoners to unload our ship's cargo in Constanta, my friends and I had little difficulty getting past the Russian harbor guards to sell a few packs of cigarettes for spending money that would procure beer and a couple of shots of calvados. We'd stop at the open-air shops, buy fresh melons, and sit on the curb in the spring sun cutting them open with a pocketknife and enjoying the sweet fruit.

It was a lovely day in that May of 1945 when I decided to walk out of town for a bit of exercise. After a mile or so I heard a murmur of voices down the road, and soon I arrived at a big field surrounded by a 10-foot-high barbed wire fence. Inside was a sea of

gray and blue uniforms—prisoners, numbering in the thousands. A few were stripped to the waist soaking up the sun. No barracks. The only amenity was an open latrine pit.

I walked over to the barbed wire and a Russian soldier came up to me, waving a submachine gun and shouting in Russian. I had no idea what he was saying but I'm sure the message was to move on. Using sign language I asked if I could talk to the prisoners. He shrugged his shoulders and moved a few feet away. I cupped my hands and hollered, "Can anyone speak English?"

A blue uniform drifted toward me. "I can."

The prisoner was in his late thirties. He pointed to his uniform. "Luftwaffe," he said.

"Where did you learn to speak English without an accent?" I asked.

"I was a waiter at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York for 10 years."

"What the hell are you doing here?"

"I went back to Germany in 1938."

"You picked the wrong side."

Through binoculars I could see the men, some wearing gray remnants of uniforms, others wearing blue, inching down the gangway single file and being herded into lend-lease trucks.

"Yes, but no matter now. It's over now, and they are sending us home."

I shook my head. I told him that my ship had just come from Odessa and that troop ships were bringing German prisoners there. "They must be taking the long road back to Germany."

He shook his head in disbelief. "That's not true. They said we were going to be sent home."

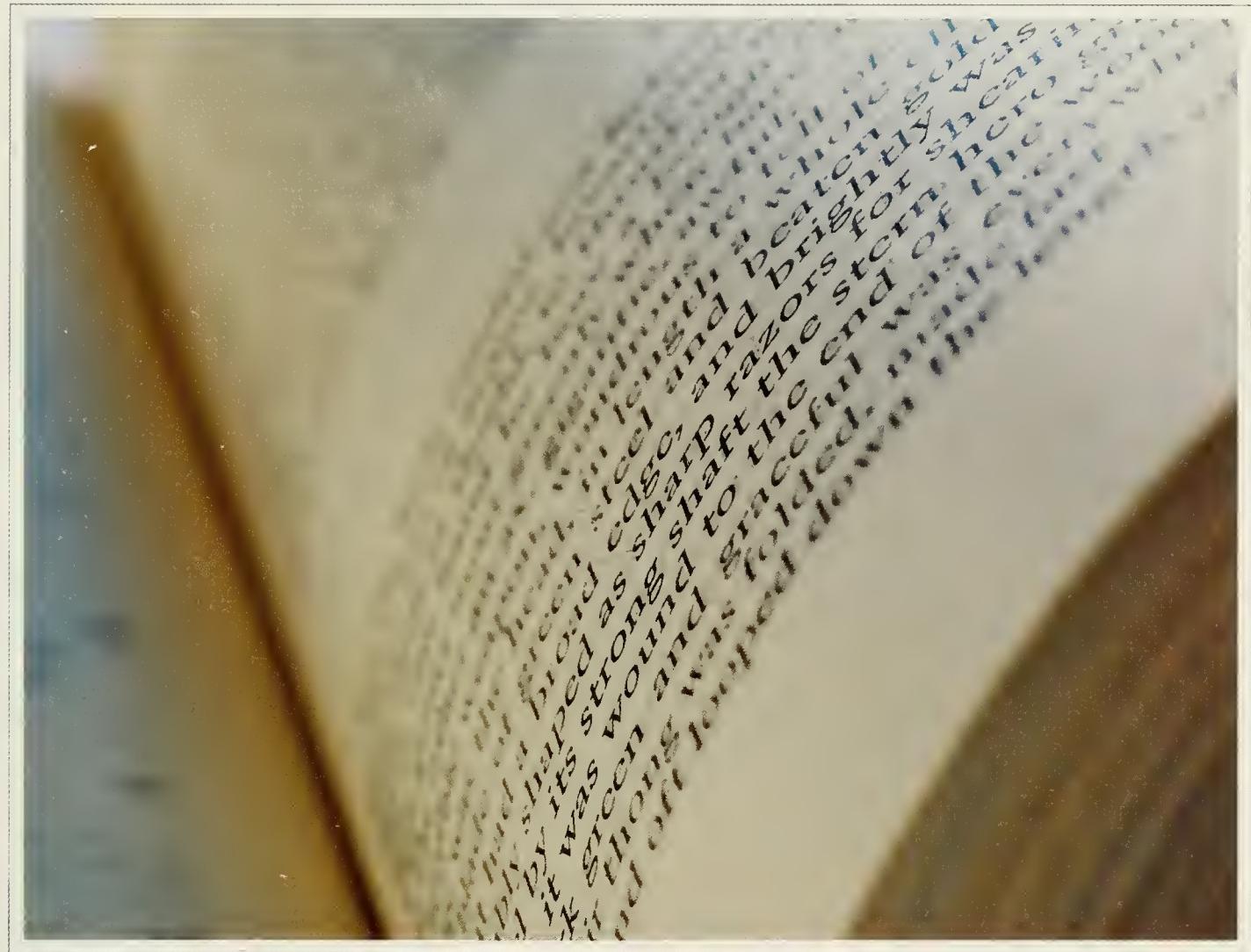
"Why would I lie? I'm telling you what I saw during the month we were in Odessa."

He looked stunned. He repeated, "They told us we were going home."

Several other prisoners crowded around to find out what we were talking about. He told them in German. I only understood the word "Odessa." They turned to tell others. A wave of voices carried the message, and soon the entire compound was animated. The guard walked closer to me and flaunted the submachine gun again. This time he meant it. I didn't say goodbye. The prisoners were too busy trying to understand what would happen to them next. I think they knew. But that day I didn't care. The Germans lost the war. Let the waiter from the Waldorf-Astoria go rebuild Russia.

It has been over 60 years but I can still see the despair on his face. ■

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From the 1962 first edition of the anthology (and also in Greenblatt's), *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*

YE OLDE STANDARDS

by David Reich

Making the cut in the *Norton Anthology*

TWO THICK VOLUMES OF POETRY AND PROSE HAVE SERVED as the foundation of college literature surveys since first appearing in 1962. They make up the *Norton Anthology of English Literature*, and in 2006 they entered their eighth edition, under the editorship of Stephen Greenblatt, whose book *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare* was a finalist in 2004–05 for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. On November 8 in Gasson Hall, Greenblatt, the prime mover in the 1980s of the school of literary criticism known as “new historicism,” spoke to an audience of more than a hundred students and faculty about how the *Norton Anthology* was both stretched and winnowed on his watch.

New historicism holds that to understand a play or poem, one must first understand the time and place that gave birth to it. Opponents of the school, which has been controversial, complain that new historicists spend so much time describing and passing

judgment on bygone eras according to 1990s taboos that they lose sight of art’s intrinsic value. Early in his lecture Greenblatt, a slim man in his sixties with short dark hair and a sprightly gaze, introduced two key terms: *resonance*, which he uses to describe the relation between a work of art and its time and place; and *wonder*, which he defines as a work’s ability “to stop the viewer [or reader] in his tracks.” The anthology, he said, was essentially “a resonance machine,” meant not to evoke wonder so much as to capture crucial moments in the history of English literature and language. Parts of the “machine” include “periodization”—the division of the anthology into sections with titles like “The Middle Ages” and “The Romantic Period”—and introductions to each section and each author that put a heavy emphasis on biography and cultural history.

Inclusion in the *Norton Anthology* may not earn a work admission to the canon—that apocryphal list of Great Works that every English professor keeps in his or her head—but it doesn’t hurt.

Thus, much attention gets paid to which works make the cut in each edition. The new edition, Greenblatt said, includes 68 women writers, more than eight times as many as in the first edition. It also includes works in English by writers such as V.S. Naipaul of Trinidad (the short story “One of Many,” about a Bombay servant transplanted to Washington, D.C.); Salman Rushdie of India (whose “The Prophet’s Hair” is a magic realist tale about the effect of an Islamic relic on a well-to-do family); and Chinua Achebe of Nigeria (*Things Fall Apart*, about the clash of cultures—Ibo and British—in the colonial period); as well as lesser-known voices from other former colonies.

“I had never heard of some of these [writers] when I was in grad school,” Greenblatt acknowledged. The anthology has “come to terms with the fact that English is a world language,” he said, adding that “whose voices will be heard is an important issue to me.”

New content creates dilemmas for a *Norton Anthology* editor because, at close to 3,000 pages (and four pounds) for each volume, the anthology is already an unwieldy and costly item. As with any product, market research—in this case, periodic surveys of professors who use the anthology—helps guide decision-making. Which works do the professors love? Which ones do they hate? Which do they actually use in the classroom? The answers to these questions, especially the last, have led to painful cuts. Greenblatt recalled that the need to excise parts of Byron’s verse epic *Don Juan* “had Mike Abrams”—the Cornell University English professor who preceded Greenblatt as editor—“close to tears.” In a reverential voice, Greenblatt quoted a line from another poetic work, by the Elizabethan courtier-poet Fulke Greville. “That’s wonderful,” he said, “but we knew from reader surveys that three [professors] used it in seven years.”

Market research has its flaws. Greenblatt recounted, as a cautionary tale, the decision to include, in an earlier edition, *The Tragedy of Mariam* (1613), the first published tragedy in English by a woman. The *Longman Anthology*, which Greenblatt described as a “more politically correct” competitor of the *Norton* books, already included the tragedy, an unrewarding slog for most readers (“Her skin will ev’ry curtlax edge refell”). The surveys of professors indicated a clamoring to include the work in *Norton*, too, and thus “a fairly large chunk of it” was added, Greenblatt said. “And then no one taught it, and *Longman* dropped it in their next edition.”

Like market research, resonance also has its limits as a guide to literature, as Greenblatt admitted near the end of his talk. He said he hoped there would be times “when all the voices of the huge resonance machine stop, and you can simply be alone with a literary text.” At such moments, ideally, the voice of the poet may yield “the effect of reverence,” he said, “even if the topic is something profane—eros, for example.”

With that, he read from a poem by Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder (1503–42) that, without being explicit, was about as erotic as a poem could get in Wyatt’s day—or most other literary periods including the present one, for that matter. After two stanzas, he stopped and said, “There isn’t room to finish here, but the poem can be found in its entirety in the *Norton Anthology*, any edition.” ■

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KIN

By Robert Cording, Ph.D.’77

If the work of grieving is to remain
grief-stricken, and if grief’s absence
is worse than its pain, then she has no choice
but the one she chooses—to let the weight
of her dead child grow heavier, to let it
crush the spring’s new leaves and grasses,
the magnolia’s and cherry’s flowering.

And if, despite all our prayers to Help her,
O Lord, to lay down her burdens, she lifts up
her bundle of sadness and sorrow each day,
then let her be comforted by its weight
and the task of carrying it; and if one day,
nearly a year after her son has died,
there’s another occasion for bells,

though this time they chime for a wedding,
and the day, though rain was predicted,
has opened out into yellow and green dresses
winking in the sun and a whirling breeze
that blows open the blues and whites
of suits and shirts and makes kites of ties,
then let the day be joyous even for her.

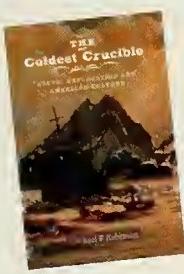
And if, finally, the ritual complete,
she’s gathered among sisters and brothers
and someone tells a joke, then let there be
praise for that which achingly begins
somewhere deep inside her and spreads
like hunger until it must be fed, and she
laughs for the first time, quietly, then louder.

And even if she feels horrified now,
her laughter uncontrollable, ravenous,
let there be praise for the way its grip
is briefly stronger than the grip of death,
as if some god, seeing the hold of grief,
said, Let there be lively quivers of laughter,
kin to grief’s ululation of heaving sobs.

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A READER'S NOTES

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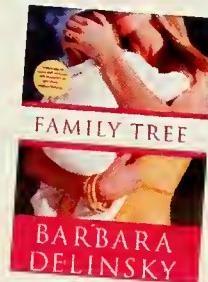


POLAR FEVER

The Coldest Crucible: Arctic Exploration and American Culture
by Michael F. Robinson '89,
(University of Chicago Press, 2006)

THIS HIGHLY READABLE HISTORY begins with Robert Peary in the early 1880s, on the brink of his celebrated polar expeditions, telling a friend that he aspired to a life "free from discussions, from entanglements, from social complications." He chose to "go it alone" as an Arctic explorer, he said. On his final expedition, in 1908, go-it-alone Peary steamed ahead with 19 officers and crew members, 49 Eskimos, and 246 dogs. Not quite the lone Arctic explorer of popular imagination, Peary also depended on large networks of supporters back home, including wealthy patrons. An assistant professor at the University of Hartford, Robinson is not simply looking to upend another individualist saga. His book, rather, is about "entanglements" between polar exploration and American culture from 1850 to 1910; his purpose to "paint a new portrait of these men, one that removes them from the icy backdrop of the Arctic and sets them within the local tempests of American life." It becomes a shifting portrait. Early Arctic explorers such as Elisha Kane built their closest alliances with elite scientists and other "men of character," often lecturing before scholarly associations as well as in small-town lyceums; later explorers catered, instead, to newspaper magnates, book publishers, and the

millions of Americans who paid to see them ("with noisy retinues of Eskimos and dogs," as Robinson deftly narrates) at world's fairs and traveling shows. Mass culture was burgeoning, and a public appetite for scandal would end up devouring these adventurers, who were not all "men of character." Aside from an enticing last thought relating "Arctic fever" to the American space program, Robinson hews closely to his time line, maybe too closely. Still, I couldn't help but see the entertainment-soaked culture of our day forming in the "coldest crucible."



TANGLED ROOTS

Family Tree
by Barbara Delinsky, MA'69,
(Doubleday, 2007)

HUGH CLARKE, A THIRTYSOMETHING Boston lawyer, comes from a New England family ever conscious of its illustrious history reaching back to the Mayflower. And so, the blue bloods are beside themselves when Hugh's wife, Dana, gives birth to a daughter who is undeniably beautiful—and copper-toned. Hugh and his family are not bigots, in the unsubtle sense; they are self-consciously liberal. But for them, politics becomes intolerably personal when Lizzie turns up, and the Clarkes heap their suspicions of faithlessness upon salt-of-the-earth Dana, as white-skinned as Hugh, but from a middling family with an uncertain past. Fomented by his family, Hugh subjects Dana to a round of testing to make sure

she did not conceive the child with the divorced black orthopedist who lives next door. When Hugh's paternity is confirmed, the pot boils as he and Dana go searching in her family tree for forbidden fruit, trusting, of course, that the Clarke lineage has been definitively marked out by Hugh's historian-father, Eaton, author of a forthcoming book about his prized pedigree. The ultimate denouement is hardly surprising, and yet Delinsky's novel is about the unexpected, about people who are not who they think they are, or what they seem to be. "She isn't us," Hugh tells Dana as their baby sleeps in the hospital room. Dana replies, "Isn't us? Or just isn't the us we know?" I wouldn't call *Family Tree* an exploration of race. I'd call it a good read, a likable story with a bundled plot. Delinsky (whose master's from Boston College is in sociology) made her name as a best-selling romance novelist, and she deserves cheers for taking on more in this book than her devoted public might have asked for.

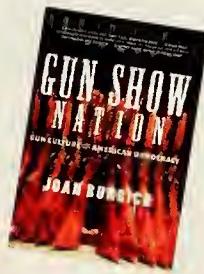


OTHER WISE

Sons of the Church: The Witnessing of Gay Catholic Men
by Thomas Stevenson, MA'86,
(Harrington Park Press, 2006)

THE WORDS "OBJECTIVELY DISORDERED," branding homosexuality as such, turn up on these pages more than once—their source a Vatican statement issued some years ago by a redoubtable theologian who now sits in the Chair of Peter. But Stevenson, who uses a series of

44 interviews with gay Catholic men to try and explain how someone (like him) can be both honestly gay and faithfully Catholic, does not fixate on such things, and there isn't a breath of resentment in his voice. Expecting to find a fair amount of anger among his interview subjects, most of whom were living in the Midwest, he tells how he was surprised by the joy he heard in conversations that took place over four years, beginning in 2000. He chooses to call these men "witnesses" because they try to come to grips with their homosexuality by "returning to the source of their faith," which is, in Stevenson's telling, the God who is present in their lives. His writing is crisp and mercifully free of the abstruseness that must stalk him as a philosophy and religion professor who has taught at undisclosed colleges. He taxed my sympathy in saying that one-night stands can be occasions of moral and spiritual transcendence—although his take-home point was that self-hatred and despair are what drive gay men to sexual acting out. Stevenson also critiques what he bills as the "absolutization of gayness"—a manifestation of the all-too-human tendency "to take part of life and turn it into the whole." In the end, he cuts to the question of how these "witnesses" reconcile their homosexuality with their Catholicism. As he explains, they simply make distinctions between what is essential to their faith and what is not. In short, God's love is central to them; "objectively disordered" is not.



ARMED AND FREE

*Gun Show Nation:
Gun Culture and American Democracy*
by Joan Burbick '68,
(New Press, 2006)

IN RESEARCHING THIS BOOK, BURBICK traveled to gun shows in eight states, talking to gun owners, sellers, lobbyists,

and others who see firearms possession as the essential mark of American freedom. Her book is a story about the making of the modern gun movement, and the most distasteful part of this tale is race. Turns out that many people began buying guns and calling for unfettered gun rights in reaction to the civil rights movement of the 1960s, which they saw as ultimately threatening to themselves and social order. Burbick, a professor of English and American studies at Washington State University (an excerpt from her book *Rodeo Queens* appeared in this magazine in 2003), speaks as an observer, a "casual shooter," and a fervent social critic—and these voices grow dissonant in this book. She introduces the reader, almost sympathetically, to not-quite charming characters, like the man who told her, "Whenever I get mad at the government, I go out and

buy a gun." And she writes candidly of her personal attraction to guns, including the .40 Sig Sauer pistol she covets, noting that the weapon "was adopted by the Air Marshals after 9/11." But she also fumes: "The gun protects the interests of rabid capitalism . . . the gun functions to further racial repression, economic disparity, and war." How these views are reconciled within her alert mind remains an interesting question.

William Bole

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A list of recently published books by alumni, students, and faculty is maintained at bcm.bc.edu/readerslist. Publishing houses and authors are invited to send books or book announcements to the editors.

The Kankakee Gun Show

*From Gun Show Nation: Gun Culture and American Democracy (2006)
by Joan Burbick '68*

[The Kankakee (Illinois) Gun Show] was a flea market, held in a county fairgrounds building filled with aging white men and clusters of veterans telling war stories, pushing gun rights, and testifying to their defiant struggle for freedom. Rows of folding tables were spread with junk guns, old rifles and military surplus. There was a long set of tables covered with *Lord of the Rings* weapons, huge swords with names like Glamdring, Sting, Narsil, and Hadhafang, next to stacks of partially opened boxes of surplus fantasy guns. Other tables had piles of action novels, well-thumbed and worn, intermixed with a few sticky-sweet romances.

Most tables had a small yellow sign with the black letters FOID printed on them. I quickly learned that this stood for Firearms Owner's Identification Card and was necessary because the people "up there" were crazy. "Up there" was the city of Chicago, all of which was presumed to be in league with the Illinois State Police, who had enforced a background check and photo ID requirement on all gun owners and purchasers in the state. Application forms were at the gun show, as were booths where people provided help on how to fill them out. Even though some men told me that the FOID reduced crime and domestic violence, the grousing about the FOID was rampant throughout the show. Illinois was doomed. "Only Illinois has such a system." When exhibitors found out I was from Washington State, they repeatedly told me, "Your state is free." The wild, open, free West still had that magical hold on their political imaginations. The state laws regulating gun ownership strictly measured freedom. More state regulation, less political freedom. Gun ownership was the litmus test for their democracy.

Abstracts

Recent faculty writings

Improvement needed

India, the world's largest democracy with a population of 1.1 billion, is also home to the world's third-largest system of postsecondary education, with 10.5 million students attending 17,625 universities, colleges, and junior colleges. With a few, notable exceptions, however, the country's higher education, which is largely public, "strains even to achieve mediocrity," writes Philip G.

Altbach, Monan Professor of Higher Education at Boston College, in the Autumn 2006 *Wilson Quarterly*. Only one-third of the nation's academics hold Ph.D.s, and rote learning prevails. Underfunding is a key issue, says Altbach. As a measure of priorities, government spending in India for higher education amounts to 0.37 percent of the country's gross domestic product, compared with China's outlay of 0.50 percent and the United States' 1.41 percent.

At the apex of the Indian system are the seven nationally funded and much-heralded Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), whose graduates regularly move on to elite careers outside the country (an estimated 40,000 live and work in the United States alone). Below IIT and a few other select public universities and institutes (specializing in medicine or management) is "the swollen middle tier of Indian higher education," funded by regional governments and riddled with "low-level corruption," writes Altbach. At these institutions, local politicians dole out "student slots as well as staff positions—from janitor to professor."

The last 50 years have seen a succession of national commissions proposing reform, with little result. Public education has taken a backseat to politics, writes Altbach. A reminder of this came last spring, when

India's prime minister, Manmohan Singh, announced a drastic change in the country's quota system for IIT and other elite universities: The schools will be required to hold 50 percent of their seats for disadvantaged students, up from 22 percent. "However laudable the professed goal of reducing social inequality," writes Altbach, this move will "destroy international competitiveness at India's top institutions and deal a powerful blow to the fragile meritocratic ethos in Indian higher education."

"Tiny at the Top," online at www.wilsoncenter.org

Firelighting

On some 20 nights scattered throughout the year in Providence, Rhode Island, volunteers dress in black "like Kabuki stagehands" to ignite three-foot-high braziers lining the city's downtown rivers—100 fires in all. The event, called WaterFire, draws residents to once deserted public spaces and attracts approximately a million tourists annually, giving a boost to the city's economy. "With its resonance of both baptism and funeral Mass, WaterFire turns the process of urban redevelopment into something nearly sacred," particular in a state that is 60 percent Catholic, writes Carlo Rotella, professor of English and director of the American studies program, in the September 17, 2006, issue of the *Washington Post Magazine*.

From the late 1800s to the mid-1960s, a patchwork of public works projects left Providence's three central rivers extensively paved over with concrete decking. By the early 1990s, the city had uncovered and rerouted the rivers; the first WaterFire, devised by Barnaby Evans, a local artist, took place in 1994. Evans's model was the *passeggiata*, says Rotella, "the Southern European habit of the evening stroll . . . an informal street pageant that sustains community and connection to place."

Rotella recounts a night of volunteering and walking along WaterFire: "I am seized by a heightened sense of city-ness—of a great crush of humanity . . . all gathered in one place by the water, their desires and labors and cares shaped by Providence and shaping it in turn. The upwelling of feeling resonates in the buildings, the bridges, the curve of the river, the faces of the people gazing at the fires. . . . Everything else that isn't this feeling seems to evanesce and lift away, like wood turned to smoke."

"The Elements of Providence," online at www.washingtonpost.com

Vatican precedent

In its 2003 decision *Lawrence v. Texas*, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Texas law that criminalized sexual relations between consenting gay adults, declaring that the law's basis in morality lacked Constitutional legitimacy. Writing in the Fall 2006 issue of the *Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal*, Gregory A. Kalscheur, SJ, assistant professor at BC Law, cites other moral issues—capital punishment, affirmative action—that the Court has recognized as being within the purview of law and asks, "in the wake of *Lawrence*, how are we to distinguish those moral justifications that provide a legitimate basis for lawmaking from those that do not?"

The Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, which postulates, as Kalscheur describes it, a "government whose legitimate scope and power are limited by the demand for responsible freedom rooted in human dignity," may inform the discussion, he suggests. According to the declaration, a state's ability to draft morality-based laws should be limited to protecting the public order. "Attempts to take direct responsibility for shaping the moral character of individuals through coercive laws," Kalscheur writes, therefore would not be justified. The question of whether a law legitimately protects the public order or "illegitimately regulates private morality may sometimes be difficult to answer," he says, "but it has the virtue of being the proper question over which to fight."

"Moral Limits on Morals Legislation: Lessons for U.S. Constitutional Law from the Declaration on Religious Freedom," available at www.rcf.usc.edu/~idjlaw

—Paul Voosen '03

Paul Voosen '03 writes for the *Prague Post*.

BOSTON COLLEGE **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS NOTES

New Alumni Board Takes Charge

A newly formed Board of Directors of the Boston College Alumni Association has renewed its commitment to enhance opportunities for BC graduates to reconnect with the University. Composed of seventeen members who range in graduation year from 1962 to 1999, the board's membership reflects the intergenerational spirit and diversity needed to engage BC's vast alumni base.

At the helm of the new board is Ken Pierce '79, who assumed the presidency of the Alumni Association on July 1, 2006.

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A longtime admissions volunteer for Boston College, Pierce previously served as president of the Maine Chapter of the Alumni Association. "It's an honor, a privilege, and very humbling at the same time," states Pierce about the opportunity to lead the Alumni Association. "My highest priority will be to increase the participation of alumni in all facets of the University."

The board's primary responsibility is to manage volunteer alumni leaders across the country with a goal of increasing alumni involvement in the life of the University. "Volunteers are the lifeblood of any good alumni organization, and I have the greatest respect for our terrific volunteers," notes John Feudo '82, associate vice president for alumni relations at Boston College. "I hope more alumni will contact us to ask how they can get involved."

The composition of the Board of Directors has also changed. It is now streamlined into 12 distinct committees focused on all aspects of alumni engagement, from chapters, classes, and shared interest groups to annual giving, athletics, and career services. The creation of committees ensures that the Association is focused on the current, most important alumni relations functions.

Even as board members chart a new course towards the future, they proceed with a firm anchor to the past. The Council of Past Presidents, whose membership consists of all living past presidents of the Alumni Association, will continue to serve as key consultants to board members.

For more information about volunteer leadership opportunities, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 617-552-4700 or e-mail alumni.comments@bc.edu.



Members of the 2007-08 Alumni Association Board of Directors met for the first time in November 2006.

PLEASE JOIN US

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the Boston College Alumni Association will be held on Sunday, March 18, 2007, during the Laetare Sunday brunch. A vote will be taken to ratify the actions taken by the Association at its meeting on June 3, 2006, including amending the Association's by-laws to alter the manner in which the Board of Directors is appointed, and to further amend the by-laws to clarify the participatory role of the members of the Association. For more information, call 617-552-4700 or visit www.bc.edu/alumni.

Shrinking the Big Apple

Who needs Cliff Clavin, Sam Malone, and Diane Chambers?

Ten years ago, Michael Wirin '89 did. A former fan of the hit show *Cheers* from the 1980s, Wirin had moved to New York armed with a vision to transform a gargantuan city into a small town where BC alumni could socialize and know everyone's name.

Working with Patricia Santangelo '75 and Dineen Riviezzo '89, two former club presidents, Wirin, the current leader of the New York City Chapter, set out to provide for BC alumni a variety of opportunities—social and professional—that make a big city feel a bit more like BC, and maybe even a bit like *Cheers*.

"Our philosophy is to serve and understand the needs of the community of New York, and also to provide a BC feel to what can seem like a nameless, faceless city," says Wirin. "New York is so big and there are so many people; it's important to build a sense of community."

Wirin's method: he holds events at establishments that are owned by BC alumni; in effect creating a world where Sam Malone is a BC grad.

In the past, the chapter has hosted BC Night at the Onassis Foundation, which houses an exclusive art gallery of rare Greek art, a speaking event at Fordham University with sportswriter Mike Lupica '74, and volunteer opportunities at soup kitchens

and with Habitat for Humanity.

Wirin credits the indispensable help of Jason Moore '03 in connecting young alumni to these events.

Patricia Santangelo, the chairperson of the BC NY Business and Career Network, organizes career and business networking nights that allow BC executives to interact with alumni, students, and colleagues. Two years ago, Santangelo, a leader of BC alumni events for over 20 years, revived the career nights popular in the 1980s and '90s.

"My goal has been to bring together people in similar fields who can assist each other professionally," says Santangelo. "People want to network with people whom they trust and with whom they feel a bond."

For example, on August 15, 2006, Jack Griffin, the president of Meredith Corporation's Publishing Group, led a discussion on advertising and marketing that convened 130 BC alumni. An evening in January 2007 brought together alumni involved in cable and broadcast television and related industries.

According to Santangelo, the strong turnout at these events shows that alumni with mutual interests are very willing to help each other. That's an accomplishment in a big city where everyone may not know your name.

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The networking night in August 2006 included an address by Jack Griffin '82 (seated, third from left), president of Meredith Corporation's Publishing Group, and featured advice by a dozen alumni in advertising, marketing, media, and entertainment in New York.

CLASS NOTES

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The daughter of John Walter Tierney '34, JD '37 wrote to inform us that her father has missed reading class notes from the Class of 1934. John is a Triple Eagle, having graduated from BC High School in 1930, BC in 1934, and BC Law School in 1937. He returned for his 50th reunion and enjoyed being called a Golden Eagle. John spent his career in insurance claims. He was an office manager and later an officer in the home office. He just celebrated his 65th wedding anniversary with his wife, Dorothy Davis Tierney. They live in the same house they have had for 58 years! John and Dorothy have 6 children, 18 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. John celebrated his 94th birthday on Thanksgiving Day. He is curious to know if there are any other members of his class still around and in contact with BC.

1933

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We promised a few words about Joe Kelley, who died on July 27, 2006. Joe was a popular member of the class and served as class treasurer during our undergraduate years. He worked for the Somerville school system, where he spent 18 years as principal of Northeastern Junior High School. Joe and his wife, Louise, raised and educated a daughter and four sons, one of whom, Kevin, majored in chemistry at Boston College

and now works with a local biotech company. Louise was a brilliant woman. A math major at Radcliffe and later a CPA, she unfortunately did not live to share Joe's retirement years and the fruits of her labors.

1936

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Sorry, no class news for this issue. But you know the old saying, "No news is good news." So be it! Hope you and your family had a nice Christmas and will have a happy and healthy 2007. Wow, 2007! Where have all the years gone?

1937 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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Greetings once again. Unhappily, we must begin with sad news, the recent deaths of two classmates, Philip Trainor and Leo Landrey. Philip, like so many of us, was a World War II veteran who served in the US Army Air Corps and later as a supervisor in the US Postal Service. Leo was a highly active classmate during his college years and was honored by being named poet laureate in 1938 for his "Ode to Boston College," in celebration of the University's diamond anniversary year. Subsequently he spent a number of years with the FBI in Washington and then worked as a physicist with major corporations. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to both the Trainor and Landrey families. • On a happier note, an e-mail from Saul Davis proved that he is still active in both the medical and the literary

worlds. He sent along an article that he wrote but has not yet published describing some positive mental effects that appear to be related to an imported Turkish vegetable. We may have more on this later. • Another bit of great Class of '39 news appeared in one of last fall's issues of the *Boston College Chronicle*. It pictured our president, Fr. William Leahy, SJ, at a public ceremony activating a century-old maroon and gold cast-iron clock on the plaza adjacent to 21 Campanella Way. An important fact is this historic timepiece was donated to Boston College by the McAuliffe family, in memory of our beloved classmate Eugene McAuliffe. What a great honor! • On a lighter note, some of you may have heard the "rumor" that people of our age are experiencing memory loss. Maybe it's true, but who knows? Let's check the rumor out with a series of tests directed to our Class of 1939 survivors. Test #1: Name one philosophical subject subjected to major, minor, and conclusion scholastic analysis in (a) epistemology, (b) ontology, and (c) cosmology. Test #2: Name the black-cassocked, Roman-collared Jesuits who made you suffer with their questions in your junior-year oral examination. Test #3: Name the beautiful girl you escorted to the Junior Prom and who suffered through your attempts to swing and sway with Sammy Kaye. Well? • Peace.

1940

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Sorry that I have to start our class notes by informing all of the death on October 10, 2006, of my wife, Mary Halligan Callahan. She underwent several tests and died suddenly at Milton Hospital. Mary was 84 years old. She was born in Fort Dodge, IA, and attended school in Des Moines. She joined

the FBI in Washington, DC, in 1941 and later became a selected support employee in the Internal Security Division. We were married on July 4, 1942, in Birmingham, AL. We had eight children, two of whom are deceased. Mary attended many of our class functions and became a friend of many of our classmates and associates. She was a wonderful, thoughtful, and dedicated wife and mother and was loved by all. We were blessed with 64 and a half years of marriage. • **Dave Merrick** was in contact as always, along with his wife, Winifred. They send their regards. • Also, **Nick Sottile** and I were in touch with **Len McDermott**, **Joe Manzo**, **George McManama**, Msgr. **Tom Finnegan**, **Tom Galligan**, **Dan Doyle**, **Bob Collins**, Fr. **Ed Cowhig**, and Fr. **Simeon Saulenas** (Ret). • Bishop **Joe Maguire** is recovering from a knee operation and has wonderful friends in the Springfield diocese. • **John Colahan** is in an assisted-living facility in Dedham. He would appreciate hearing from you. • Nick Sottile, our president, continues to represent us at many of the college's important functions. He is a loyal, sincere, and grateful graduate of Boston College. We are lucky for his dedication. • May God bless all of us, both living and deceased, and our families. AMDG.

1942 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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Even though I neglected to mention it in the last issue, please be certain that you and yours were included in my prayers at Mass on Christmas. Here we are starting a new year. That reminds me, we'll be celebrating our 65th anniversary as proud members of the Boston College Alumni Association. I'm quite certain that the Alumni Office has special plans that include us. I shall look into it and, if appropriate, appoint a committee to decide how we shall celebrate this very important milestone. If you are asked to serve, please accept. • Our football team, in fact our entire sports program, continues to bring honor to alma mater. Although I'm no longer a season ticket holder, I did attend a few football games. I have many wonderful memories of tailgating, but the Hall of Fame Room provides a delightful alternative. • I am disappointed in not having received anticipated helpful "notes" for this column from **Frank Mahoney**, **Jerry Joyce**, **Jack McMahon**, **Frank Dever**, **Terry Geoghegan**,

Connie Pappas-Jameson, and **Jim Hawco**, each of whom has been a great help in the past. It is my hope and prayer that each, as well as **Frank Colpoys**, **Joe Marcantonio**, **Jim Boudreau**, **Bob Drinan**, and **Frank D'Ambrusio**, will respond in time for the next issue. Of course I welcome news items from any and all. • Congratulations to **Frances** and **John Mitchell**, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 13, 2006. • Notices regarding Laetare Sunday will soon be arriving. Many of us have enjoyed getting together after Mass for a nice breakfast. It is, to say the least, a very pleasant way to spend Sunday morning and early afternoon. Please plan on attending. • Necessary word limitations require that this epistle end. Again and again, please contact me with news items to be included in future "notes." As always, I look forward to seeing you at the various alma mater and alumni activities. Ever to excel.

1943

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As mentioned in our last column, we had a very good turnout for our remembrance Mass and lunch on October 1, 2006. Many thanks to Fr. **Dan Moran**, who celebrated this Mass with the assistance of **Jim Harvey** and **John Hayes**. Among our numbers were a few widows: Jeanne Duane, with her daughters; Pat Shea; Mary Boudreau; Maureen Myers; and Mary Good. • We heard from Marie Brown, who told us of her many travels. • Our best wishes to **Ray Sisk** for a speedy recovery from open-heart surgery and an upcoming knee replacement. • Congratulations to Madeline and **Larry Babine** on their

who drove down from the Berkshires. • We received a fine note from **Harry Luke**, who enclosed a couple of columns that he wrote for the *Connecticut Post*. • In closing, the class extends its condolences to Anna and the family of **Ed Kenney**, who died on October 25, 2006. Ed was a longtime member of the Red Sox as director of its farm system. • Further condolences go to **Joe Hurley** on the death of his daughter Susan on November 21, 2006. Susan was a teacher's assistant in the town of Wayland. • Don't forget to keep in touch!

1944

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Most of us are no longer entering weight-lifting or pie-eating contests, but instead, we automatically entered a progeny contest many years ago. As a result, we collectively now have a remarkable number of grandchildren. To my knowledge, **John O'Grady** is our class champion, with 16 grandchildren. Can anyone top 16? **John Duggan** is closing in with 14, and **Frank Doherty** had 12 at last count. • Our favorite Jesuit, **Bill McInnes**, SJ MA '51, is celebrating 60 years in the order this year. Fr. Bill has retained his nonstop energy. He teaches ethics at the Carroll School and is chaplain of the Alumni Association. He spends his weekends at St. Denis Church in Westwood. • Two of our other revered reverends, Msgr. **Joe Alves** and Msgr. **Bill Roche**, have retired and are living at Regina Cleri in Boston. They also spend their weekends at local parishes. All three of them refer to their work as "filling in," but in reality, they, like latter-day missionaries, are making the celebration of the Eucharist available week

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59th wedding anniversary on August 30, 2006. • Our best wishes to **Mary Schoenfeld** as she fights a case of leukemia. • Although space does not allow me to name all classmates who were in attendance at the Mass and luncheon, I must mention **John Logue**, whose wheelchair operation was done by his son John Jr., and **Carol Sue** and **Bob Donelan**,

after week to untold numbers of Catholics. My own resident reverend, Msgr. **Bill Glynn**, who is dearly loved by his flock of 2,500, is the pastor of the Holy Family Church in Duxbury. • It is one of the unadvertised benefits of being a class correspondent that I unexpectedly hear the voices of friends from the past. What a pleasant surprise it

was to hear from **Bob Bernard** and **Harry Roberts** recently. Bob now lives in Phoenix, after several years of working as general counsel for the Greyhound Corporation. Harry has moved from Yarmouthport to Middleborough. • As you know, we try to have an informal class luncheon meeting once a semester. We last met in October and are hoping to get together again in April. If you would like a copy of the class list, please let me know at PO Box 1493, Duxbury, MA 02331 or kirbyjerry@aol.com. I will be happy to send you a copy. • Of course, there is never a right time to leave the world behind, but it always seems more unfair and leaves us more desolate when it happens during the holiday season. The most profound prayers of the class go to the family of **Matt McGrath**. • Peace.

1945

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I am pleased to report that there have been no deaths in our class since the last BC notes were published. • **Tom Moran** says he plans to be more active with BC activities in the Houston area. His health is good, and his Spanish is improving, but the golf game is going backward. • **Paul Dawson** and his spouse enjoyed a great cruise to Bermuda. • **Jeffrey Bowe** has joined Voice of the Faithful. He was the physicist par excellence of our class. • **Jack McCarthy**, our treasurer, has sent three children and four grandchildren to BC. His wife, Mary Lou, has been fighting a severe infection with a new powerful antibiotic. • **Joe Harrington** and two of his children took a trip to Costa Rica. • **Bill Corbett** still enjoys golfing on the Cape and his work with BC's Lifelong Learning Institute. • **Bill Cornyn** now has five great-grandchildren and remains the leader in that category! • **Doug MacGillivray** reports that he and **John Larivee** were not affected by the huge chemical explosion in Danvers. The explosion leveled 85 homes and businesses, but thank God did not cause any deaths. • Lillian and I welcomed our seventh grandchild, Paul Vincent, the son of Paul and his wife, Chris. • **Tom Loftus**'s wife, Claire, is doing a little better but may still need back surgery. • **Vin Catalogna** is hanging in there but is still feeling the effects of his bailout from a B-25 in the Pacific in World War II. • **Ralph Nash** entered BC in 1939 from Somerville. He played football under coach Frank Leahy as backup to Henry Tocylowski '41 in the

Cotton Bowl and against Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl. Ralph enlisted in the Air Force, was hospitalized with double pneumonia, and received an honorable discharge. He then returned to BC and received his degree in 1945, thus is a member of our class. He taught and coached football at Bristol High in Rhode Island before retiring in 1978. He still resides in Bristol. • On a social note, Lillian and I attended the annual Hall of Fame induction dinner. This year's inductees included two from football, two from hockey, two from basketball, and two twins from track and field. I was very pleased to be a member of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee this year. • Thanks to all who have paid their yearly dues.

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1947 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Our class had its anniversary Mass in September commemorating members who had died during the year. It was celebrated by Rev. **John Flynn**. This was followed by a dinner. The following attended: Pat and **Paul Riordan**, Millicent and James Hogan, Danuta and George Savage, William Curley,

class, was a guest of Eileen Nee. • During the class meeting, a discussion was held and agreement reached that the class will explore combining with other classes of the 1940s for this annual memorial celebration. Attendance is declining, and we are encouraging all classmates to attend.

1949

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Ernie Ciampa and I have just completed this semester's seminar, The World Economy and Global Environment, at BC's Lifelong Learning Institute in Dover. Ernie did better than I did, but then, he's an accountant from Cambridge. A whole new set of seminars began the second week of February. • I'm writing these class notes from my table while gazing out the window at the delta of the Neponset River, the Savin Hill Yacht Club, Dorchester Bay, and shadows of BC High. • **Fr. Charlie McCoy** was honored this past fall by BC High, which named its renovated football field the Father McCoy Field. • Fr. Charlie was co-celebrant with Fr. **Bill Burckhart** at our annual fall memorial Mass at St. Mary's Chapel on October 3, 2006. It was a beautiful day at the Heights on Linden Lane, and we had a record attendance at the Mass and the nice luncheon following. Some of those present were **Mary Amsler**, **Hank Barry**, **Lorraine and John Bradley**, **Marion and Charlie Brennan**, **Nancy and Bill Butler**, **Louise and John Cahill**, **Al Cass**, **Gloria and Joe Chiccarelli**, **Margaret and Ernie Ciampa**, **Bill Cohan**, **Mary and John Prince**, **Joan and Gerry Pucillo**, **Joe Quinn**, **Paula and Peter Roger**, **Sally and John Meany**, **Mary and**

Trivia recall: Who is known as “The Glider” for having won the Fred Astaire Award at the 50th dinner-dance?

Michael DeCesare, Mildred and **Robert Foy**, Irene and **William Melville**, Eileen and **Alfred Devito**, Rev. **John Flynn**, Eileen Nee, Barbara MSW '48 and **Eugene Nash**, Jeanne and **Jim Costello**, and Suzanne and **Timothy Buckley**. In addition, Patricia Shea, whose husband was a member of an earlier

Vin Nuccio, Amedia and **Don St. Andre**, **Tom Sweeny**, Pat and **Jack Turner**, Louise MA '56 and **Jim Whelton**, **Ed Wright**, **Charlie McKenna**, **Jim Galvin**, Margaret and **Sahag Dakesian**, Dot and **John McQuillan**, **Marie O'Donnell**, and **Claire and John McCarthy**. Others who reserved but could

not attend were **John Driscoll**, Jean Schoenfeld, and **Tom O'Connor**. I apologize for any I may have missed. • On a sad note, I must report that our classmate **Dan Hayes** passed away in late September. His son John '89 sent me a copy of the two-column obituary from the *Globe*. We particularly remember Dan and his great political stories from the cruise we took on our 55th class anniversary. We send our prayers to his wife, Anita, and his family. • Please send me information for this column.

1950

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On November 4, 2006, I had the occasion to visit the Boston College Lower Campus. I was amazed and pleasantly surprised to discover six big Gothic-style buildings, all of which had been constructed within the last six and a half years since I have been on the campus. At our 50th reunion week, it was a "red-letter" day for me, in spite of the fact that our football team lost to Wake Forest later that day. • **Vincent P. Flanagan** died on September 6, 2006, in Needham. He was the husband of Killeen Flanagan for 56 years and leaves behind six children. A World War II Navy veteran, Vincent was a retired CPA and the treasurer of Butler Automatic of Canton. His funeral was held at St. Joseph's Church in Needham, and interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Needham with full military honors. Vincent was a cousin of our classmate **Bertrand Shannon**. • **James F. Molloy Jr.** of Watertown died of a heart attack on August 26, 2006, at Arbor Village in Wildwood, FL. He served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. In 1954, James got a master of business administration from Harvard Business School. During the '60s, he was assistant vice president of Northeast Airlines. From 1997 until 2002 he served as senior associate dean of academic affairs in the College of Business Administration at Northeastern University. In 2005 he retired to Lady Lake, FL, with his wife, Claire. In addition to his wife, he leaves behind three sons and two daughters.

NC 1950–53

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In the Ignatian spirit of service, several classmates have continued their care of others. The self-effacing **Ed Mulligan** is still a volunteer at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. **Gerry LaPierre**, though retired in Chile, does hard, physical work in archaeological digging, while also helping locals to improve their English. (Gerry called recently at the end of a visit to Boston to report that he had dinner with **Lloyd McDonald** and **John Svagzdys**. • One of the more courageous and influential members of the class, the late Rev. **Bob Bullock**, was the subject of a column in the *Boston Globe* on November 3, 2006. (Thanks to **Bob Corcoran** who alerted us to this article.) Fr. Bullock had spoken out and led protests against war and religious prejudice. As president of the Priests' Forum, he led the effort to force Cardinal Law's resignation in the wake of the sexual abuse scandal. His writings, sermons, and other correspondence have been placed in the University's archives. • Trivia recall: Who is known as "The Glider," not for his smooth skating style as a member of BC's 1949 national championship hockey team, but for his having won the Fred Astaire Award at the 50th dinner-dance? (See answer below.) • **Marty Joyce** reports having seen **John Bacon**, **Charlie Maher**, **John Power**, and **Bob Schiffmann** at the Cape Cod Club's November Mass for deceased alumni. • **Walter Corcoran** and **Mike Walsh** are great lunch companions who fight for the check. • **Vin Stanton** and **Irving Kane** can be found at some of the outstanding lectures sponsored by BC's C21 Initiative. • **Al Ferrera** and **Paul Kelly** are among the better golfers in the class, although Paul would likely edge out Al in a play-off. Paul had garnered the low gross award at our 50th reunion tournament with a 78, but he lost the low net prize because a shameless classmate from Florida with a 20 handicap claimed he had shot 80. • Trivia answer: **Giles Threadgold**. • **Moe Downey** has undergone hip, knee, and back surgeries, but still goes to his office and enjoys helping people with their estate planning. Moe occasionally sees **Leo O'Keefe** and **Paul Falvey**. • While some of us are paying the price of aging, many are nonetheless thriving and grateful. Several of us have taken advantage of the tax laws that encour-

age planned giving to BC. A discussion with the Gift Planning Office could result in a most rewarding way to benefit oneself and loved ones, as well as alma mater. • Information about yourself or other classmates will be welcomed.

1952 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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The annual memorial Mass and luncheon in October was a great success with 74 attending. From the Nursing School, we had **Patricia Foley**, **Mary Jane Garbutt**, **Mary Conway Haley**, **Ann Hanson**, **Annette Lyons**, **Mary McCabe**, **Phyllis Smith**, and **Genevieve Tyrell**. They had their own mini-reunion. **Jim Callahan**, the class president, served as master of ceremonies, while **John Kellaher** assisted Fr. **Hugh O'Regan** and Fr. **Tom Murray** in the celebration of the Eucharist. The day ended tragically, however, when Marie Hughes collapsed outside the Tower Building and passed away at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Our deepest sympathies go to **Jay Hughes** and his family. • Kathleen and I went to the BYU vs. BC football game and there met Joan and **Jack Donovan** who were down from Rochester, NY, to visit their granddaughter during Parents' Weekend. A bit further along we met Fr. Hugh O'Regan and his sister Alice. Then **Bill Newell** and Doris Marr came along with Ann and **Joe O'Shaughnessy**, so we had a reunion before getting to our seats. The overtime win made the day exciting. • Heard from **Tom Megan**, who has been a member of the BC Lifelong Learning Institute since its inception in 1992. He writes that it has been a tremendous learning experience, giving him an opportunity to participate in courses related to literature, history, Celtic spirituality, economics, and world religions, among other areas. It is a wonderful community of people, and he recommends it to all our classmates. **Bruce Desrosiers** has also been an active participant. Other classmates including yours truly have taken courses. If interested call 617-552-2950. • **Bob Allen** had open-heart surgery and is doing well on the Cape. • **George Gallant** continues to do well as he recovers from heart surgery and a bone marrow transplant in October 2006. His wonderful wife, Joan, is giving him great care at their home in Falmouth.

• Jim Callahan is planning a class meeting for March in Naples, while I and the other officers are making arrangements for a theater party in April at the Heights. The Reunion Committee is working on the June 1-3 program. **Pauline (DeVitt) Grasso** has joined **Barry Driscoll's** Gift Committee and the Reunion Social Committee. Pauline is living in California but visits New England often. If you haven't sent in your dues and responded to Barry's committee, please do so ASAP. • Please send suggestions and notes for this column. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1952 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1953

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Our annual memorial Mass was held on October 21, 2006, at Trinity Chapel on the Newton Campus. Fr. Larry Drennan was the celebrant. He was assisted by **Jim Livingston**, who said the prayer and the responsorial psalm; **Ray Kenney**, who offered the prayers of the faithful; and **Barbara and Austin Smith**, who presented the gifts. Eleanor Venezia assisted as a Eucharistic minister. After Mass a reception and dinner were held at Stuart Hall in the Law School dining room. There were 48 classmates and guests in attendance. Paul then introduced Fr. Drennan, who gave the blessing. • Maureen and **Joe Tower** were spotted dining with Maureen and **Bob McCarthy**, who traveled with them from Scituate. Other diners included Betty and **Bob Sullivan**, Muriel and **Art Delaney**, Kay and **Fred Conroy**, and Joan and **Maurice Hart**. **John Norton**, Marie and **Matt Flaherty**, Barbara and Austin Smith, and Maryanne and **Paul Coughlin** were spotted mixing with the crowd. Other classmates and guests seen enjoying themselves were **Phil Kerrivan**, Joan and **Dick Horan**, Mary and **Bob Willis**, Priscilla and **Dennis Cronin**, Eleanor and **Sal Venezia**, Claire and Ray Kenney, **Fred Good**, Nancy and **Dave Lane**, Mary and Jim Livingston, Mary Lou Maloney and her friend Joan Kelleher, **Roger Perfetti** and Gail Coleran, Helen and **Jim Queenan**, Eunice and Paul Twitchell, and Bella and **Joe Donovan**. • Congratulations to classmate **Leo Grace**

and his wife, Jean, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 28, 2006. • It is with great sadness that I report the death of our classmate **Bill Duggan** on September 28, 2006, after a long battle with emphysema. Bill leaves his wife, Nancy; daughter Kathleen and her husband, Brian Carey, of Milton; William Jr. of Arlington; and Elizabeth and her husband, Peter Kelley, of Wellesley. Bill for many years was an active member of our class. He and Nancy always showed up at events with Muriel and Art Delaney. As long as his health allowed, Bill, along with Art, participated in our annual golf outing. With great effort Bill and Nancy fulfilled their desire to travel with us to London, Paris, and all stops in between for our 50th anniversary trip in September 2002. I can remember when we were leaving how Bill and Nancy, with help from the airline staff, had his oxygen set up for him when he arrived on board. May he rest in peace. • To get the full story of our class activities, go to www.bc.edu/alumni and click on Online Community. To log in, use your BC ID, which is printed above your name on the *BC Magazine* mailing label.

1954

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The memorial Mass for the Class of 1954 was held at Trinity Chapel on November 5, 2006, and was followed by a brunch at Alumni House. Those present included Mary Jean and **Jim Coughlin**, Jane and **John Ford**, **Frank Flannery**, Carol Donovan, Eleanor Palma, Mary McCourt, Mary and **Murray Regan**, Verna and **Thomas F. Lane**, Marge '58 and **Peter Vasaturo**, Jody and **Frank Bonarrigo**, Elizabeth and Tom Warren, Linda and **Dave Pierre**, Joan and **Frank Patchell**, Joan Kennedy, Mary and **Jack Curtin**, Martha and **Ed Trask**, Pat and **Dick Hughes**, **Jim Callahan**, Lori and **Lou Totino**, Roger and **Elizabeth Breton**, Mary Sullivan, **Bill McCarthy**, Fran DeLuca and **Doug MacMillan**, Pat and **Bob King**, Virginia Cahill, Ann Dominick, Jack Leydon, Lorraine and **Tom Cosgrove**, Bob O'Brien, and **Ed Collins**. The celebrants were Thomas J. Regan, SJ '76, Provincial superior of the Jesuit order in New England, and our classmate **Fr. John Wallace**. • Again as a reminder, the class notes can be accessed at www.bc.edu/alumni.

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Wonderful news! Bishop **John Kallos** celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood in October. Following the great vesper service on October 21, he announced the establishment of the Bishop John Kallos Scholarship Fund in memory of his parents, James and Kaliope Kallos. • Mary and **John Johnson**, John and Mary Rose McCarty **Griffin**, Barbara '58 and **John O'Connell**, Carolyn '56 and **Dan Foley**, Jean O'Neil, and yours truly were present at the Alumni Awards Ceremony. Mary Johnson's brother, Robert C. Reardon '63, MS '66, received the prestigious William V. McKenney Award, the highest award an alumnus can receive. • Jean O'Neil was the guest of honor and speaker at the 45th reunion of the Catherine Labouré School of Nursing's Class of 1961. Jean taught there for 14 years before teaching at BC. • **Lynn Strovink-Daukas** sent greetings from Gig Harbor, WA. • Three classmates began their eternal lives last fall. I'm sending sympathy in your name and mine to the families of **Barbara Brooks Flory**, which includes her cousin and our classmate **Joan Sexton Callahan**. For many years, Barbara advocated for the mentally ill and served on several boards that dealt with these issues. **Philip McGovern**, died suddenly just after delivering his 15,733 baby. Phil had been chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Cambridge City Hospital and also served on the staffs of Mt. Auburn and St. Elizabeth's hospitals. **Bruno Ciani** shared the fact that Phil gave every baby a silver spoon. **Robert McDonald** died on August 7, 2006. • My heart reaches out to Elaine and **Bob Connelly** on the death of their daughter, Mary Lou '91. Sympathy is also sent to Mary and **Dick Renehan**. Mary's brother, George Brophy died in October. Just think, these loved ones spent Christmas with Jesus.

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Reunion, Part III: We wrapped up our year with 190 attending a jazz brunch in the Heights Room at Corcoran Commons, showing reunion pictures on a continuous loop. • Since all our priests were saying Sunday Mass, Carolyn Kenney Foley asked me to give the invocation. Alumni Chaplain Fr. William McInnes, SJ, '44, MA '51, Fr. Dave Gill, SJ, and Marie's brother, Fr. Ray Helmick, SJ (our newest class member), arrived on time for the distribution of the yearbooks. Carolyn thanked everyone who had worked on them, and presented John Harney, the editor, with a director's chair with the BC seal and the Latin inscription, *Joannes T. Harney: Qualis Vir!*, which translates "John T. Harney: What a Guy!" • Other gifts went to Connie Regolino and Carol Hines Gleason, who spent hours doing library research; Dick Toland; and Mary and Professor Tom O'Connor, who contributed a historical perspective about BC. Carolyn introduced Peter McLaughlin '59 and John Feudo '82, of the Alumni Association, and Ann Connor and Jim Costa, our Alumni Office liaisons. Fr. Leahy and Fr. Monan were unable to attend. • Marie and I sat with Margaret and Bill MacDougall, and Connie and Al Kvicala, who drove up from Cape Cod. Gene and Miriam O'Toole Dessureau came over to discuss the Israel-Palestine situation. We also saw Bea and Peter Colleary, Joe DiSalvo, Carol Hines Gleason, Kathleen Donovan Goudie, Bob Halloran, John Mahaney, Mary and Jerry Sullivan, and Denise and Mert Thompson. • We had a good turnout for the alumni memorial Mass and the Veterans Day Mass. • In September, Fr. Dave Gill celebrated the 100th anniversary of his parish, St. Mary of the Angels in Roxbury. Cardinal Sean O'Malley attended. • We have word of deaths and illnesses: Dick Tobin died after suffering a heart attack. Susan '63 and Joe Coppola attended his funeral. Joe and Chuck Faber also e-mailed that Tom O'Donnell, who was

listed as deceased, lives with his daughter in Miami, but that his wife, Julie, had died. Carolyn e-mailed that Joe DiSalvo's wife, Ginger, died the day before Thanksgiving. She also said John Harney's daughter, Jean McCormack, has been operated on for ovarian cancer. Please keep them and all our classmates in your prayers. Thanks to Carolyn, Joe, and Chuck for keeping me posted. • Use your Eagle ID number on your magazine label to register for the Online Community on BC's Website, www.bc.edu/alumni, where you can post news items and read other classmates' postings.

NC 1956

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On November 1, 2006, the City of Boston honored Kevin and Kathryn Galvin White for their distinguished service to the city. A statue of Kevin is now standing near Faneuil Hall at Dock Square. The statue shows Kevin in a walking gesture with his jacket over his shoulder as he was often seen walking the streets of Boston. An awesome tribute to an outstanding couple! • On November 12, 2006, there was a brunch at Boston College to distribute the golden

1957 REUNION: MAY 31-JUNE 3

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The "time to smell the roses" golden golf retreat was held on September 27, 2006, at the Charles River Country Club in Newton. Ed Brickley reports that it was a fabulous day. Extraordinary kindness on the part of Charlie Fox, Eddie Coakley, Bill Cunningham, and Jimmy Devlin ensured that everyone who chose to play had an enjoyable day. The dinner that followed was delicious, and the dining room was enhanced by the gorgeous floral arrangements donated by Paul Mahoney. The clergy classmates who attended were Fr. Tom Ahearn, MM, Fr. Gene Sullivan, and Fr. Brendan Nally. Others in attendance included Janice '58 and Charlie Fox, Maureen and Eddie Coakley, Joan and Bill Cunningham, Mary and Jimmy Devlin, Gayle and Paul McAdams, Brenda and Joe Burke, Maureen and John Harrington, Carole and Dave McAvoy, Betsy and Ed Brickley, Frank Higgins, Joe McMenimen, Paul Sheehy, Bill McQueeney, Bill Jones, Paul Mahoney, Paul Daly, Jim Connolly, Neil Fitzgerald, Janet Finnegan Carroll, Don Fox, Vin Lamparelli, Eddie Miller, Frank Keohane, George Hennessy, and Paul Wentworth. • Our annual fall

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anniversary yearbooks. Marion Linehan Kraemer, Ursula Cahalan Connors, and Patricia Leary Dowling attended. We couldn't wait to see the write-ups and pictures. Marion did a great job in putting it all together. Marion, Ursula, Gail O'Donnell, Sheila McCarthy Higgins, and Pat met several times during the summer to work on the history of our class. It came out well. By the time these notes are printed, you will all have your books. The books are being sent to all who sent in their biographies. Books may also be purchased for \$25. • It has been a wonderful 50th reunion year! Thanks to all who participated and to those who participated 50 years ago! • Please send any news or comments you would like to share. Thanks.

football event on September 30, 2006, following the BC vs. Maine game was very successful. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Gene Sullivan, Fr. Tom Ahearn and Fr. Gerry Kelly, MM. Classmates in attendance were Bruno Bagnaschi, Ed Brickley, Joe Burke, Norma Cacciamani, Don Connors, Bill Cunningham, Jim Daly, Jim Devlin, Margaret DiMare, Dick Dowling, Jim Doyle, Rita and Dom Emello, Ralph Ferrera, David Geggis, Kay (Cotter) Giblin, John Harrington, Tom Harrington, George Hennessy, Frank Higgins, Mary Lou Hogan, Gerry Hooley, Bill Jones, Jack Joyce, Dorothy and Jack Kelliher, Peg Kenney, Frank Lynch, Jim Maguire, Dave McAvoy, Ellen McCarthy, Joe McCloskey, Paul McNulty, Bill McQueeney, Joe Mirabile, George Murphy, Paul O'Leary,

Al Sammartino, and **Marilyn Smith**. • By all accounts, the class's golden cruise to Sorrento, Italy, from October 25 to November 2, 2006, was spectacular. The travelers included **John Addesa**, Fr. Tom Ahearn, Ed Brickley, Jim Daly, **Jim Doherty**, Rita and Dom Emello, Ralph Ferrera, **Robert Hanlon**, Mary Lou Hogan, **Catherine** and **Neil Hynes**, Bill Jones, Jack Joyce, Fr. Gerry Kelly, Peg Kenney, Ellie McCarthy, **Dick O'Brien**, **Allen Reilly**, Marilyn Smith, Wilma Taliento (widow of Michael), **Bob Tiernan**, and **Betty and Jim Turley**. • Another seasoned traveler, Norma Cacciamani, and her husband, Vin, recently returned from a three-week sojourn to Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, and Auckland, New Zealand. • **Fr. John Dean**, a diocesan priest in Springfield, served as a full-time campus minister at Westfield State College for 26 years until his retirement in September 2005. He returned for the fall 2006 semester to begin his 27th year of ministry. His sole desire for coming back was to continue counseling the young college students of today. Thanks to **John Wissler** for this wonderful story. • **Bill Dunn** retired from UMass-Lowell in June 1996 after a

NC 1957 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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Class liaison **Lucille Saccone Giovino** reports that on a balmy October evening, six members of our class gathered for a 2007 reunion meeting at Alumni House on the Newton Campus to discuss plans for our grandiose 50th class reunion. Julie Nuzzo NC '74, assistant director for Newton College, outlined the reunion events, which will occur on Friday, June 1, through Sunday, June 3. **Nancy Bowdring**, **Cathy Connolly Beatty**, **Connie Weldon LeMaitre**, **Diane Russell McDonough**, **Carol Ann Burke Ryan**, and **Lucille** followed through with preliminary discussions on networking possibilities, potential Saturday morning "Coffee and Conversation" topics, and plans for our class anniversary party. Duties have been delegated and we have started the pleasant task of putting our reunion plans into action. The remainder of

practice general and cosmetic dentistry in White Plains, NY, with his son Robert '87.

• **Bob Johnson**, after retiring from the investment bank of Adams Harkness & Hill, is now back in the investment business, helping to manage a mutual fund. Bob recently moved to the Cape after 38 years in Winchester. • **Elaine and Bill O'Brien** relocated from Sarasota, FL, to Williamsburg, VA, due to the constant hurricane threats in Florida. • **Betty Sweeney Minassian** is a nurse surveyor with the Joint Commission Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. She is also a member of the board of directors for the Eastern Massachusetts Visiting Nurses Association. • **Marylou Griffin Lehmann**, who now lives in Hendersonville, NC, spent a week with Betty and Saro at their summer home on Plum Island. • **Norm Frates** retired in 1996 after 29 years as the principal of the Woodstock (VT) Elementary School. Norm's granddaughter is a junior at BC and a member of the field hockey team, following in the footsteps of his daughter Lynn '85, who played tennis and field hockey at BC. • After reading our class notes column in the Fall 2006 issue, **Frank Flanagan** wrote to tell me that he has a direct connection to the "gang" at Mt. Alvernia. He married Frances Monaghan '54. Frank is forever grateful to **Maureen O'Callahan Madell**, who fixed him up with his future wife. Sadly, he reported that Frances passed away in 1990. Frank, who is living in Framingham, retired from Honeywell Computer Systems in 1990. • **Marian Bernardini DeLollis** launched her retirement with a trip to Machu Picchu, the Amazon, and the Galapagos with her son Steve. Her daughter Karen '88 splits her living and working time between Boston and New York City. Marian has signed on as chairperson of our 50th yearbook committee. Be on the lookout for information from the committee early this year so that we soon-to-be Golden Eagles will have a great yearbook with input from every classmate. • **Ed Gilmore** reports that the 50th reunion jackets for the Class of '58 are selling very well. **Barbara O'Connell** reports that over 90 classmates have signed up for the BC '58 Boston-Bermuda cruise. • Please send your \$25 class dues to **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, 28 Cedar St., Medford, MA 02155. • Editor's note: Due to a typographical error, the nickname of **Grace Stevens Vinciguerra**'s late husband was incorrect in the Fall 2006 issue. Salvatore's nickname was Sully. We sincerely regret the error.

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38-year career in higher education. Bill and his wife, Denise O'Brien Dunn '58, reside in Chelmsford. • A memorial Mass for Dick Dowling's wife, Peg, was celebrated on Saturday, September 16, 2006. Fr. Tom Ahearn was the main celebrant, and over 15 classmates were in attendance. Please keep Dick and his family in your prayers. • The class extends its sincere condolences to the families of Jim Turley's brother, Edward, who passed away last fall, and **Henry J. Smith Jr.** of Needham, who died on October 11, 2006. Special sympathy is also extended to **Arthur L. McGovern**, whose brother, Philip P. McGovern Jr. '55, was called to eternal life on October 20, 2006. • Please visit our class Website at www.bc.edu/classes/1957 for photos of the class trip to Bermuda in June and for more information about our golden anniversary. Please send in your class dues of \$25 to **Bill Tobin**, 181 Central Ave., Holliston, MA 01746. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1957 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

the Reunion Committee includes **Ellie Pope Clem**, **Liz Doyle Eckl**, **Marge Lee McLaughlin**, **Carol McCurdy Regenauer**, and **Connie Hanley Smith**. There is a high degree of energy and excitement among the committee members. A wonderful reunion weekend is planned. Look for your reunion brochure with details of all the reunion events to arrive in the mail in March. Remember, your participation will ensure an enjoyable and memorable 50th class reunion!

1958

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John Moriarty retired from Raytheon in 2005, and he and Kathleen recently celebrated the marriage of their two daughters. • **George Rioseco** continues to

A PRODUCER'S JOURNEY

On Thanksgiving night in 1972, Michael Frazier '58 produced his theatrical debut, *Dr. Selavy's Magic Theater*, an off-Broadway production about a young man's extravagant and comical journey. "We opened on Thanksgiving night at the risk of being called a turkey, and we were a big hit," reminisces Frazier.

Though the theater bug bit Frazier as a young boy—with his aunt and uncle shuttling him to every major theatrical performance that came through Boston—his journey from Boston College to Broadway was not quite linear. After graduating from BC with a degree in political science, Frazier spent his next few years in the military and as a teacher in his hometown of Taunton, MA. For the next several years, Frazier worked in industrial relations at three different firms: Lipton Tea, Gray Advertising, and finally Paramount Pictures.

At the time, explains Frazier, Paramount Pictures was not the behemoth movie company it is now. Still, the position afforded him the chance to brush shoulders with Hollywood producers and actors, including the cast of *The Godfather*.

One connection led to another and soon Frazier was embarking on his own extravagant and comical journey on and off Broadway.

His big break came in the early '80s when he produced *The Lady and Her Music*, starring Lena Horne, which won a Tony award. "It was an enormous success both financially and artistically," says Frazier. "It is on record as the longest-running one-woman show on Broadway."

Next came *Nunsense*, a spectacularly successful play about middle-aged Catholic nuns that Frazier produced for 10 years in Boston and other major cities in the country. On its success:



Frazier renewed his ties with his alma mater by helping recent BC grads Anthony Nunziata '06 (left) and Will Nunziata '06 get a professional start in the theater.

"I think it evokes a lot of good memories with people who had a Catholic education," says Frazier. "It was just plain silly fun, done in a very tasteful way."

Frazier went on to found his own production company, Sage Hill Productions, and continues to stay active in theater today. He is presently working on two musicals, one an adaptation of *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. Recently, Frazier renewed his ties with his alma mater by helping two students, Will and Anthony Nunziata, both from the Class of 2006, get a professional start in theater. "I feel a great responsibility to help these guys out. I'm pleased to hear that the theater department at BC has grown so much."

To Frazier, the man who has carved out over 30 years in the business, the show doesn't stop when the curtain closes. "Important theater can change people's lives," says Frazier. "It allows you to see something in a way that you wouldn't ordinarily see it."

NC 1958

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Please remember to mark your calendars for our 50th reunion in June 2008. It seems far away, but it will be here before you know it. We hope you will make plans to attend. Some members of our class are already working to make this a memorable event. We are thinking of classmates who are coming from long distances and who would like to stay at a classmate's

home. There will be houses available. • "Les Girls" met at the Woodland Country Club for our October 5, 2006, luncheon. Once again, it was a memorable afternoon. How great it is to have more classmates join us at each luncheon! Suzanne Lawrence Starkey drove all the way from Gilgo Beach on Long Island, where she lives with her husband, Jim. Betsey Dray Falvey is enjoying retirement after helping her husband, Art, with his dental practice for many years. Others at the luncheon were Jo Kirk Cleary, Rosemary Stuart Dwyer, Eileen Mullin, Carol Healey Hanley, MJ Eagan English, Maureen O'Donnell Kent, Julie Saver Reusch, Audrey Nolan

Galvin, and Sheila Hurley Carty. The dates for our next "Les Girls" luncheons are March 15 and June 7. Mark your calendars now. We would love to see you. The March 15 luncheon will be at the Wellesley Faculty Club on Route 16 in Wellesley. If you can join us, please call Sheila Carty by March 7.

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Helen Craig Lynch writes, "Jack and I were delighted by a visit on Block Island from **Patty O'Neill** and **Janet Chartier O'Hanley** in October 2006. Patty patiently led our party on several bird walks. Janet, though relatively new to the game, turned out to be an accomplished 'spotter.' David and **Dottie (Bohen) Graham**, our next door neighbors, joined us for dinner." • Earlier, **Nancy Maslen Burkholder**, **Janet Chute**, and Janet O'Hanley had joined Patty for a very long lunch on the deck of her summer house in Middletown, RI. Janet O'Hanley has downsized to a charming home in Middletown, which she is sharing with her daughter Maryann, two dogs, and two cats. Birding has taken Patty to southern Mexico, northern Peru, and southern India in the past year; she reached 4,500 on her life list of birds seen in India in November. • **Maryjane Mulvanity Casey** has also downsized, moving from Taunton to Needham to be closer to family and friends. • **Jeanne Schaeffner Deevy** reports that she continues to enjoy gardening and the wildlife in her yard. • **Ann Baker Martinsen** is happy to have her son John living at home with her for the time being, and her daughter Ellen is closing in on getting her PhD in field ornithology at the University of Vermont. • Let's hear from more of you.

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Rev. **Leo Shea** completed his assignment with the Maryknoll Mission Education and Promotion Department, raising \$25 million for the capital campaign. With that assignment complete, Fr. Leo has been assigned to the Diocese of Montego Bay in Jamaica, where 2 percent of the population is Catholic. Venezuela and China have been other assignments. Please keep Fr. Leo in your prayers in his newest challenge to serve the poor and a small, committed Catholic community in Jamaica. • There is little additional information to report, other than the deaths of classmates. **Timothy Cronin** relates

that **George Ranson Harvey** passed away in November 2006. Timothy and George were classmates both at BC and at MIT. **Dorothy Sexton** of Milford, CT, died in September. • Why not e-mail me? Now that a number of you have retired, maybe you can tell us what you are doing or not doing these days. In early March, a good change will be daylight savings time. Enjoy and keep me in mind for this column, pretty please!

NC 1960

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On September 21, 2006, Peter J. Davis, husband of **E. Berenice Hackett Davis**, died peacefully in Narragansett, RI. Peter was a retired commander in the US Navy and a lifelong educator in the Providence School Department. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Berenice, who can be reached either in Naples, FL, or in Narragansett. Please keep Berenice, Peter, and their family in your prayers. • **Alex Armstrong McCoy** shared the following news: "I am still chairman of my financial planning firm based in downtown Washington, DC, and far from considering retirement. The fourth edition of the book I wrote with a psychologist, Mary Donahue, *On Your Own: A Widow's Passage to Emotional and Financial Well-Being*, has been published. In November, I was inducted into the Washington Business Hall of Fame for making a 'legendary contribution to the Greater Washington Community.' My husband, Jerry, and I just celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary, and although we are both actively engaged in our careers, we take time to travel and enjoy life. We have a place in Bradenton, FL, from which we telecommute one week each month during the winter." • **Betsy DeLone Balas** wrote that her son Neil and his wife, Betsy, gave birth to their first child, Gordon Lang, on November 22, 2006. He is Bernie and Betsy's third grandchild. • BC's Church in the 21st Century presented "How Women Live Out Being Catholic: Sharing Our Stories" on November 13, 2006. This was the fourth discussion among women concerning their role and struggles within the Catholic church. NCSH was well represented. Those at our table included **Carole Ward McNamara**, **Julie O'Neill**, **Gail Walsh**, Honey Good McLaughlin NC '59, Betsey

Dray Falvey NC '58, and myself. • **Marie McCabe Stebbins** e-mailed that her brother Frank passed away on November 4, 2006, in Rhode Island. **Ferna Ronci Rourke** attended the funeral. Marie serves on the board of the Association for Community Living, a multifaceted organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities. She is also on the founding board of the Martin Luther King Jr. Charter School of Excellence. She celebrated the new year with her daughter Jenny, who was visiting from San Francisco, and her three Massachusetts-based families, including the nine grandchildren. • If I haven't heard from you in a while, please e-mail or send me some info for the next newsletter. Let's keep the whole class included in these updates!

1961

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On behalf of the class, I'd like to express sympathy and prayers to the families of **Joan Hines Sokoll** and **Walter Sullivan**, who recently passed away. Also to **Mary Anne Johnston Orcutt** on the death of her husband, Walter. • **John Cummings** and his wife, Joanne, have been in the Foreign Service for 25 years. John is currently chief of party in Afghanistan, while Joanne is heading a Provincial Reconstruction Team in Iraq. They have two sons and expect to return to the United States in the spring. • After retiring from the *Boston Globe*, **Marty Nolen** moved to San Francisco to be a fellow at the Hoover Institution. He and wife Liz have five children and six grandkids. Marty continues freelance writing for the *LA Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *New York Times*, etc. • **Bob Kilbane** and wife Bernadette live in Newbury Park, CA. Bob retired from the FBI and now consults as a private investigator. • **Joe Lally** and wife Sharon live in Los Angeles. They have two sons (BC '93 and '95). Joe is working at UBS Brokerage but says "no more heavy lifting." • **Jane Anderson Struck** retired from St. John of God Hospital. A watercolor floral artist, she stays busy teaching art and selling her artwork. Jane has three children and seven grandkids. • **Judith Barden Hall** retired from nursing but tutors nursing students at Middlesex Community College, where she was recently awarded professor

emeritus status. • Margaret Franco retired from nursing in 2001. She had worked as a pediatric instructor at a number of hospitals. • John Lane and wife Joyce live in Gold Canyon, AZ. They have two children and four grandkids. John retired from the Army and then from the Boeing Company. • Robert Simon lives in Auburndale, FL. He continues to work as a consultant and as an expert witness in toxicology. He has four grandkids. • Bob Graham and wife Lorraine live in Madison, CT. They have two boys. Bob retired after 31 years at IBM and now he and Maureen run the largest sports travel company in the United States. • A letter from Maryanne DiMario Landry reads: "When we arrived as freshmen, there were no women's dorms. I was assigned to 1750 Beacon St. It was the largest 'off-campus' house of its time, and is now a B&B. Fourteen of us are having a reunion and will be able to stay in our same rooms. Classmates who will be roommates again are Pat Booth McDonnell, Patty Taylor Keaney, and Betty Kulig Smiarowski. Also, Judy Czarnecki McCusker, Mary Mahoney Falvey, and myself." Follow-up note: "We had a wonderful time, and the BC Alumni Association provided great hospitality." Next issue will have a great story about Maryann and New York Yankee A-Rod. • Keep the letters and e-mails coming.

NC 1961

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I have had e-mails since the last issue from Mary Sue Flanagan, Ellen MacDonald Carbone, Gael Sullivan Daly, Carol Gardener, Joyce Laiosa Calderone, Kathy Hall Hunter, Mary Alice Molloy, and Linda Gray MacKay. • Sallie Ann Dow Casey wrote that she and Tony and Joyce Calderone thoroughly enjoyed a cruise of the eastern Mediterranean in September. • Sr. Judy Vollbrecht wrote a newsy letter that I forwarded to those whose e-mail addresses I have. She and her sister teammates are busily involved in establishing a Normal School to educate those who want to teach in Haiti. She is busy designing, copying, and distributing brochures for this undertaking. Let's all pray that they are successful. She sends her warmest regards to all. • Bob and I flew to Las Vegas in November. Our youngest grandson, Callum, was baptized after Thanksgiving

Mass along with his three little cousins. Not one baby made a peep (and they were all awake). I called it a miracle! • Don't forget our Sacred Heart sisters in Albany.

1962 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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It is not often in our busy lives that you get an opportunity to relax with old friends. George Killgoar and his wife, Vicki, spent a delightful weekend at Kaye and Kenny Gnazzo's Vermont ski chalet. They were joined by Jack Sayers and his wife. • Congratulations to John Hackett and his wife, Mary, on their 41st wedding anniversary and the upcoming birth of their fifth grandchild. John sold the family business to his sons. They are now the fourth generation to operate the business, which was started by John's grandfather, who will be 97 years old. Grandfather John still does work for the agency. • We heard from Bill Coleman in November. He and his family live in Yorktown, NY, and after a 20-year career in filmmaking, he is doing still photography. Bill is looking forward to our 45th reunion in June. • Bea Hanley Lee says that one of the "nicest" moments for her and Dick was last August when Fr. Wally Blackwood officiated at the marriage of their daughter Susan to Monte Metzger. Fr. Wally married Bea and Dick in 1969. Mary Shea attended the wedding. Bea directs a Domestic Violence Intervention Program, but is anticipating retiring next summer and concentrating on her work as a family mediator. She has two grandchildren: Kyrsten (5) and Tyler (2). Bea reports that she had a mini-reunion with Joe '61 and Mary Ann Fitzpatrick, Margaret Lynch O'Connor, Mary Shea, and Jack and Jane Kilgallen Curran. Bea heard from Jeanmarie Hanagan Allin, who is living in Manchester, NH. • BC lost a close friend and mentor when Coach Eddie Pellagrini died on October 11, 2006. The Athletic Department had a memorial Mass and reception. "Pelly" coached for 31 seasons and won 359 games. Idolized by those who played for him, he was a towering personality, storyteller, baseball strategist, and teacher whose clear message to his players was "Boys, no matter what you do in life, you have to make it better for the next guy." Pelly's "boys" from our class include

Bill Cunis, Bill Nagle, Jerry Greely, Chuck Chevalier, Charlie Bunker, Bill Novelline, Paul Comeau, Johnny Coyle, and Frank Faggiano. • Bob Murray held his annual Christmas get-together for classmates who meet on the first Friday of the month luncheon at the BC Club. Those attending were Paul Deeley, Jack MacKinnon, Jack Donovan, Kevin Doyle, Frank Faggiano, Lee Heiler, Kevin Leary, Chris Lee, Paul Norton, Jim O'Connor, Jack Murray, Joyce Francis McDevitt, and Larry Stanford '59. We thank Bob for hosting us and Bonnie David for "rounding us up." If you are interested in attending the Friday luncheons, please contact Bonnie at bonnie.j.david@us.pwc.com. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1962 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

NC 1962 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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Since our last issue, there have been two luncheons to connect classmates. Mary Martha Llewellyn had a group to her home in Hingham in early October. Most recently, Francine Calarese Lucci hosted a luncheon in Portsmouth, RI. This has been a great way to catch up and prepare for our reunion. • I caught up with Barbara Moynihan. Most remember her as one of the several nuns in our class. Barbara taught history and received her master's from BC. She was later the principal of Jeanne d'Arc Academy in Milton. After leaving her order, she taught at the Williston Northampton School in Easthampton. Barbara later married Eugene Sullivan, now deceased. She recently retired after teaching for many years in Concord, and now focuses on volunteering. • Gerry Wang Huang also retired after 20 years as a teacher and librarian. She and her husband have moved from Indiana, where he was on the faculty at Notre Dame, to Mountain View, CA, to be closer to their two children and five grandchildren. • I spoke with MJ Wood, who had just returned from NC where she spent Thanksgiving with her son and his wife. MJ lives in Winter Park, FL, and is active in a rowing club. Her first big race as a double scull was in November, and she won a gold medal beating five other boats with women 40 years younger. Congratulations, MJ!

• Agi Tsu Pao lives in San Francisco, where she volunteers and sings in her church choir. She has four children: one lives in San Francisco, and the others are scattered among Illinois, Oregon, and New Mexico. • Rainee Toohill Childs wrote, "George and I have three sons, all married: two are in Connecticut, and one is in Boston. We also have two precious grandchildren, Lily and Georgie, and fortunately for us, they live in Rowayton, CT. George has been retired for three years and is enjoying himself immensely! We are avid golfers. I retired from teaching CCD at our local parish and now enjoy oil painting, knitting, and needlepoint. Since we have a home on Candlewood Lake in Brookfield, CT, we are back and forth quite a bit of the time. We go to Florida for short visits during the winter." • Sheila Leahy Valicenti spoke with Carolyn Hayes Slocum, who said that there is a great group of Sacred Heart women that gets together in Scottsdale. • We have a team of classmates updating our class list. If you have changes to your contact info, please let me know. • Read and post news at www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/community. • Don't forget our reunion on June 1-3. Try to get as many friends as you can to return and in the meantime, please send news!

1963

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I received an interesting e-mail from Vern Von Sydow, who is married to Gail (Stanford) Von Sydow. Vern was trying to organize a Pensacola football reunion. He, John Sullivan, and Dave Yelle went through naval flight training there together, and Vern was attempting to locate them. Gail is a retired school nurse in the Chula Vista, CA, school system. They have two children and a newborn first grandchild. • Recently observing their 40th anniversary from BC Law were (along with your faithful scribe) the following classmates: Bob Arena, Al Caldarelli, Gene Clifford, Bob Devin, Bill Doherty, Jim Falla, Gerry Farrell, Charlie Humphreys, John Janas, Russ Lucid, Frank McDermott, Stu Meisenzahl, John Moran, Bob Parks, David Pyne, Will Rogers, Bob Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, Barry Waite, Bob Welch, and Carl Young. Most attended the 40th reunion celebration in October. • Speaking of Reunion,

I heard from our class president, Tom McCabe, and plans are afoot for—yes—our 45th class reunion. If you are interested in serving on the Reunion Committee, contact Tom at Tmccabe862@aol.com or call him at 508-888-5484. Tom will eagerly enlist your welcome assistance. • I heard at press time of the passing of Ed Donovan on October 12, 2006. He lived in Milton and leaves his wife, Nancy; two daughters, Melissa and Amy; and three grandchildren. Ed also obtained a BC graduate degree in social work, and was highly respected as the long-time executive director of Old Colony Elderly Services. With an annual budget of \$15 million, Old Colony provides services to elders still living at home in 23 communities in the South Shore area. • I'm sorry also

(www.geocities.com/violinsofplimoth/index.html). • After many decades at the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, OH, Vince Puglielli is retiring and moving to Madison, WI, to be near his son and to study painting at the University of Wisconsin. • Joe Cronin has remarried; is living in Salem, OR; and continues to pursue his theatrical career, acting in plays, performing poetry recitals, and giving drama lessons. • Jack Dimond has retired from the University of Toronto, is working for an academic executive search firm, has remarried, and splits his time between Ann Arbor and Toronto. • Clare and Bob Callen spent the month of November in Tokyo to welcome the birth of their new granddaughter. • Among the ten 2006 Alumni

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to report the passing of Phil Knauf after an 18-month bout with lymphoma. Phil had been a professor of biophysics at the University of Rochester and its medical school for over 25 years, specializing in the mathematics of membrane transport in red and white blood cells. According to his wife, Suzanne, he lived life to the last day and was happy to survive as long as he did. Besides his wife, Phil leaves three children and three grandchildren. • Please keep in touch. Life gets lonely when there are no e-mails and the phone doesn't ring. • Have a happy and healthy new year!

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1964

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Tom Shaughnessy has established Violins of Plimoth, a company that produces handcrafted reproductions of historically significant violins and violas including those by Stradivari and Guarneri

Awards of Excellence was Walter Arabasz, recipient of the Science award. He stated that the liberal arts education he received at BC has helped him "see the forest for the trees" better than others in his field. Walter has worked as a seismologist at the University of Utah for the past 32 years. He is a research professor of geology and geophysics and has been director of the University of Utah Seismograph Stations since 1985. Since the mid-1980s he's been extensively involved in national and state public policymaking for network seismology and earthquake risk reduction.

• Suzanne McGoldrick Henseler died recently of cancer in North Kingstown, RI. A graduate of the School of Education, Sue was a teacher for nearly 30 years principally at St. Rocco School in Johnston. She also served in the Rhode Island House of Representatives and was the majority whip from 1992 to 2002, the first woman to hold that position. She leaves John, her husband of 41 years, 3 sons, and 8 grandchildren.

• Kathleen O'Connor Sullivan died in August in Falmouth, ME. She leaves four adult children. • Steve Duffy was on the East Coast to attend a series of BC sports events. We saw BC tie Northeastern in hockey, and the next day he joined Dick DiMase, Art Crandall, Mike Ford, and me for the Maryland football game. He then went down to Miami, where he enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with the DiMase family before suffering through the Miami football game.

NC 1964

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It was exactly a year ago that **Margot Butler Kirsis** wrote that her daughter had adopted a Weimaraner and that Margot now had a "grand-dog." Well, Margot has gotten in touch again, and here's her update: "My daughter's beloved Weimaraner was killed over a year ago, and we all miss her very much. However, it seems that my daughter Marta has met someone who has been a great comfort to her, so I am not moaning and groaning over not having a grand-dog anymore. Marta and her significant other, Kevin, have acquired a vizsla puppy and I got my own Weimaraner last spring. So, the family is filled with puppies and people and doing very well at this point in time. My husband continues to work, and my son, after completing NYU Law School in spring '07, has accepted a position in London." • There's lots of other news, too, courtesy of **Kathy Wilson Conroy**, who reports that she, **Morna Ford Sheehy**, and **Sue Bellanca Walsh** "had six wonderful days together at the Brewster home of **Regina McDonnell Hayes** on Cape Cod in September. Every day was beautiful, and walking the sand flats of Cape Cod Bay, visiting lots of local sights, and laughing a lot seemed to be the order of the entire week! Sue brought great pictures from senior year, although the photos with **Mim Crowley** and **Janet Regan** did bring a few tears to the group." Message to Sue: Keep those pictures handy. I'll be looking for them for our 50th reunion. • Kathy Wilson Conroy was elected president of NYSARC, Inc., the largest provider of services to people of all ages with intellectual impairments and developmental disabilities in the country. Kathy and Jack welcomed three grandsons this year, and the boys now outnumber the girls, three to two. • Ted and **Rosemarie Van Eyck Winslow** welcomed two grandchildren last spring, bringing their total (to date) to three. One of them is also the grandchild of Pete '61 and **Mary Lou Cunningham Mullen**. You may remember that Rosemarie's son, Ward, is married to Mary Lou's daughter, Tracey '95. • Leaving the procreation topic, I'm happy to report that Tom and **Carol Sorace Whalen** were back on their sailboat last summer, after Tom's recuperation from his double hip replace-

ment. Carol says she tolerates sailing, but that she's a committed golfer. • I end with a bit of trivia. My new front door costs the same as my Metropolitan Opera subscription. This is relevant to nothing, but I thought it was amusing. Send me something amusing about your life, so I'll have something to write about next time. Not to mention a good laugh!

1965

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Neal and Patricia McNulty Harte are pleased to announce that they are grandparents. Ellery Katherine Harte was born on November 8, 2006, to son Sean and his wife, Therese, at NYU Medical Center. Sean, Therese, and Ellery live in Stamford, CT, where Sean works for UBS. • Sarah Ann and **Jim Mahoney** welcomed their seventh grandchild in late November. Keller William Mahoney was born to son Jim and his wife, Kim, in Northampton, MA. Keller joins big brother Jay and sister Elyse. • **Alan McIntyre** sent me an e-mail concerning a list of Boston College graduates who served in Vietnam. Alan believes that there are many of our classmates who served but who are not on the list. If you served in Vietnam and your name has not been included, please send me an e-mail or call me, and I will be sure that your name is added. I thank Alan for taking the time to pursue this important topic. • Neal and I were at the Charlotte airport in early November waiting for a flight to Boston and met **Tim Holland** who had been at the BC vs. Wake Forest football game. Tim looks great and sends his regards. • **Bob and Kathy McCarthy McSweeney** are Eucharistic ministers at St. Eulalia Church in Winchester. • After you read this column, please take a few minutes to e-mail me some news, because it would make this column so much more interesting.

NC 1965

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Congratulations to **Margaret Schmitt Schmidt**, who became a proud grandma

when her stepson and his wife had twins, a boy and a girl, on September 20, 2006. • **Judith Aldrich Crowley** expected to attend the second annual class luncheon in New York City but unfortunately broke her ankle the day before Thanksgiving. • **Cathy Thompson** also could not attend because she was tending her husband who had ankle surgery. • There should be plenty of news in the next column after **Marilise Huyot**, **Pat Madden**, **Eileen Fitzsimmons**, **Judy Maguire**, **Pat McEvoy**, **Marti Schickel**, **Margaret Schmidt**, **Dottie O'Connell**, **Joan Wienk Gallagher**, **Susan Casey**, **Marilyn Mainelli**, **Tink O'Connor**, **Lisa Pustorino**, **Janet McInerney**, **Priscilla Durkin**, and others spend an afternoon reminiscing and exchanging life stories at the luncheon. Mark your calendars now for the first Monday in December 2007, and plan to attend the next luncheon! • **Nancy Philpott Cook** hosted a professor and his wife from Australia last fall. Constant Mews is a world-famous medievalist and a guest professor at UVA. He also lectured at BC just before Thanksgiving, and Priscilla Durkin joined Nancy and her husband for dinner. Nancy writes, "You probably all remember how much I hated SWC, but God has a sense of humor, and I've been 'living SWC' for the past three months!" Nancy travels monthly from Charlottesville, VA, to Cape Cod to see her 93-year-old mother. • Jack '64 and **Joan Walsh Rossi** celebrated Joan's retirement after 40 years as a special ed teacher with a trip to southern Italy. Joan wanted to thank **Ginny O'Hara Bowker**, **Barbara Sweeney Kenny**, and Priscilla Durkin for their help during our days at Newton. • Sincere condolences to **Barbara Sweeney Kenny**, who recently lost her mother, and to **Gay Friedman**, whose brother passed away in the fall. • **Harriet Dower Stephenson** and **Susan Bearden McNamara** connected in Old Lyme at a baby shower for Harriet's daughter, Gretchen Jeanes, for whom Sue is godmother. Harriet also spent some time in New London with **Nancy Cuniff Cole** last summer. Small world! • Joan Wienk now lives with her daughter and husband in Manhattan Beach, CA, just two blocks from **Libby Miller**'s nephew, where Libby celebrated Thanksgiving. Luckily, Joan (who travels extensively for her job) was in town, and they took a great long walk to the beach and caught up. • Thanks to all who sent news! I even had to carry some over for the next column. Keep up the good work!

1966

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Ann Riley Finck is the new chair of the membership committee of the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

NC 1966

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Peggy Badenhausen is an artist and has a studio in Somerville. She lives in Cambridge with her husband, Tom Kelly, a musicologist on the Harvard faculty. They have two children in their early 30s, both of whom were finishing graduate school this year—Sarah at NYU and Adam at Stanford. • **Helen "Butchie" deGolian Neely** and her husband were planning a move to the mountains of North Carolina when we last talked. Butchie reported that her dad had died, but that her mother was still well. • **Joyce Lafazia Heimbecker** is working full-time as a therapist in a private behavioral health agency. She and David recently moved from Providence, RI, to North Attleborough. Joyce has seven grandchildren, ages 1-14, and reports that “life is busy, but very full and happy.” • **Mary Jean Sawyers Krackeler** is an HR supervisor at Krackeler Scientific. About eight years ago, she founded an after-school reading program

year. • **Jo Bogert Pieper** is a special education teacher in a public high school in Howard County, MD. She reports that she has taught nearly every grade level from nursery school to high school. Jo started as a social studies teacher in grades 7-12; taught in a nursery school when her children were small; and then taught in a Catholic elementary school in Hawaii. She and her husband have three sons and four grandchildren. Their son Joseph, a second lieutenant in the Maryland Army National Guard, served a year in Bosnia and was due to be deployed to Kosovo in November. Jo’s husband, Gilbert, recently retired after 30 years with the FBI, and Jo is considering retirement “while we still have our health and the energy to enjoy life... My husband and I can still get down the mountains on our skis (but skip the double black diamonds). I belong to a women’s running group, but no more marathons... I’m not ready for a rocking chair yet!”

Benedict (USMC and USN, respectively), **Marty Paul** (USA), **Mike Ryan** (USA), and **Karen Spinks**, who is married to George St. Georges ’66, also an Army veteran. We mentioned others, including **Kevin Slyne** (USMC) who served in RVN • The University Chorale Christmas Concert was lovely; it gets better every year. The class sold 40 tickets to the concert. A reception followed at Alumni House, and it was good to see a past president of the Chorale, **Frank Sousa**, with his wife, Helene, up from Rhode Island. Also attending were the lovely Eileen and **Jack McCarthy**, Marion and **John Connarton**, Vin and **Joan Iacono**, and Cindy and **Al Butters**. • Next up is a McMullen Museum tour and reception in February, and the Laetare Sunday Mass and brunch will be in March. It just keeps on going and going. • Your correspondents became grandparents for the second time on November 29, 2006, to Rosemary Claire Pagliano. • We hope all classmates had a wonderful Christmas and a happy yuletide! Ah, spring! Please keep those cards/letters/e-mails coming. • Happy 40th Reunion! Happy 40th Reunion! • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1966 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1967 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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A wonderful time was had by all at the BC vs. Florida State away-game watch in October. The prize for traveling the farthest goes to **Hank Anderson** and his wife, Cathy, for making the trip from Stamford, CT. Also seen were Kathleen and **Bob Galibois**, Mary and **Leo McHugh**, Kate and **Bruce Worthen**, **Mike McGinty**, **Jim Hughes**, **Dennis Griffin**, Marie and **Bill Concannon**, et al. Various football garb was worn, and some were very creative! • A few nights later, at a pre-

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With unseasonably warm December temperatures in Virginia as I write, it is difficult to think about the approaching holidays. Soon we will be into Christmas break and the ensuing excitement that entails. On the other hand, I am as eagerly anticipating our upcoming class reunion in June. We received a reminder card in November, so I hope the dates are marked on your calendars. Help was solicited from our Boston-area classmates to assist with plans for our group. I expect we will hear more shortly. I heard from one of our international classmates that she is looking at her travel plans. Will you be there, too? Forty years is momentous. Individually we have faced and surmounted challenges, as well as celebrated special events and accomplishments. It began on June 4, 1967, as we received that diploma taking us to the next stage of our lives. “We Were Young with All

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for third graders at an Albany inner-city public school. She did this as education chair for the board of 15-LOVE, a local organization that works to help children in many areas of their lives, and provides them with free tennis instruction. She ran the program herself for six years, and is now the “No.1 volunteer assistant.” Mary Jean and Bill ’66 are the parents of two sons and welcomed a new grandson, Liam, this past

sensation by BC’s provost, we saw Mary and **Bill Risio**, **Rick Dunn**, **Fred Faherty**, **Pat and Jack Keating**, **Mary and Bob St. Germain**, and **Jean and Roger Keith**. • It was good to see **J.T. Crimlisk** at a church gathering in Newton and **Len Doherty** at the BC vs. Maryland game. • **John St. George** served as deacon at the Veterans Remembrance Mass on November 11, 2006. Also attending from the class were **Charles and Mary-Anne**

of Our Might" back then. We still are in spirit, despite any aching bones we might have. Let's make the most of this reunion celebrating with those we shared a good part of four years. • **Maria Metzler Johnson** moved another of her children into the working world: Carolynn graduated from Carleton College, summered in Italy, and now is in the New York City area, where her older brother works. Martha is in her final two years at the University of Chicago Medical School with the grind that entails. Matthew is thriving at Grinnell with math and sociology majors while enjoying debate, rock climbing, and helping to evaluate future professors. Husband Calvin is on sabbatical from the University of Texas Law School, so perhaps they will have time to travel back east. • **Marilyn Santos Velayo** had a holiday visit from her daughter, son-in-law, and 18-month-old granddaughter, who came in from Italy. Her older daughter works in the San Francisco area, and her son is back in Manila working in the family jewelry business with Ronnie, her husband. • I had a one-line e-mail response from **Kathie Flanigan Asmuth** to a prayer chain message I sent out, so we know she is still out there. Coming in June, Kathie? • I am thrilled to announce the arrival of Daniel Thomas and Sean Timothy Free the day before Thanksgiving to Chip and Kellie in Richmond. (Yes, twin grandsons!) Their four-year-old brother was all grins at the hospital. • I hope my holiday mail brings news from more of NC '67 scattered throughout the United States and the world. If you can't visit the Newton campus in June, please write and send messages to share during our class gatherings or in a future column. Thanks for keeping in touch.

1968

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Greetings, classmates. **Mark Schwartz** has retired from a 34-year aviation career, which started upon his return from Vietnam. His career has spanned nine airlines and has included being the pilot for the governor of the state of Florida. In October, Mark retired as a senior captain for Southwest Airlines. He and his wife, Ruth, are now exploring the continental United States from ground level in their luxury motor home. In addition, they plan to spend one or two months

a year traveling about the world and enjoying their retirement. Thank you for posting your news, Mark. • Sure is nice when the '68 mailbag thickens. Please share your glad tidings, friends. Go Eagles!

NC 1968

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With great sadness, I report that **Yvette Seyler Fitzgerald** was killed last October in a tragic boating accident in Essex, CT. **Anne McCreery Hodgdon** was with Yvette the week before she died and writes that Yvette was "as beautiful, vibrant, and fun as she ever was up until the end of her life." We will remember her in just that way, and extend condolences to her husband, Mark. • On a personal note, I lost my husband, Frank, in October after a long battle with cancer. Many of you have sent letters, and one quote from **Joanne Carr** seems appropriate now: "Even though many of us are at a distance from each other and not always in contact, the Newton network is really one of continuing support and great affection. It truly helps us at difficult times." I can attest to that and hope that Yvette's family finds comfort in our web as well. • Good news! **Bernadette (Pi) Fogel Mansur** was named the 2006 Public Relations Professional of the Year by the Public Relations Society of America. • **Barry Noone Remley** just celebrated the 20th anniversary of her very successful company, Salvations Architectural Furnishings. Check out her Web-site: www.salvationsaf.com. • **Cathy Hardy Bobzien**'s son David was elected to the Nevada State Assembly, representing District 24 in Reno. • **Ellen Flynn** has started her own business as a consultant in the textile industry and has traveled to India and Paris on assignment. • Congratulations everyone! My best wishes to all of you for a peaceful 2007.

1969

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Barry Green is still practicing law in Boston. Barry's son Evan has taken over the day-to-

day operation of his law firm. Barry and wife Joanie are enjoying their granddaughter Chloe (4) and their second grandchild, Benjamin Meyer, born this past October. • Worcester District First Justice **Paul LoConto** was appointed in December to the Commission on Judicial Conduct for a six-year term. The commission investigates allegations of misconduct by judges. Paul was appointed to the bench in 1985 and served as first justice of the East Brookfield District Court until 1999, when he was named first justice of the Fitchburg District Court. In 2004 Paul was appointed first Justice of the Worcester District Court. He has served as regional administrative justice since 1999 and has been a member of the Western Appellate Division of the District Court since 1989, presently serving as presiding justice. • I hope that your winter is going well. I would appreciate hearing from my fellow classmates. Please take the time to let me know what is new with you.

NC 1969

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I continue to marvel at how news from our classmates finds its way to me. **Joanne McMorrow Struzziery**, our class president, writes that she and her husband, Joe '68, have built a new home in Hull, where they live year-round. It's a bit salty but beautiful. She sails five months of the year. Their oldest child, Josh, works in London. He and his wife are expecting their first child. Their daughter Julie is a special-needs teacher. She has two young children. Joanne and Joe's youngest child, Jay, is married and lives and works in Boston. Joanne continues to teach at UMass Boston and in addition runs a small, private psychology practice. She was saddened to hear of **Pat Kenny Seremet**'s death, because Joanne also has a brain aneurysm, which fortunately has been partially treated. She'd like to put in a good word for the Brain Aneurysm Foundation at Massachusetts General Hospital. Joanne wishes everyone well and wants to hear from you! • **Pam DeLeo Delaney** recently went on a rafting trip in the Grand Canyon, which she says was beyond her wildest dreams. I echo that sentiment about an Alaskan cruise. And on a trip to Vancouver for a conference, Pam returned via San Francisco to meet up with relatives and Jill

Hendrickson Daly. Jill has had other visitors, including Bebee Carroll Linder, who lives and works in Minneapolis; Polly Glynn Kerigan, whose daughter Amy recently moved to San Francisco; Paula Fisher Paterson; Sue Davies Maurer; and me. Pam also wrote that she and Ana Perez recently got together. Ana lives in Weston and is married to Yohel Camayd PhD '83, a college professor. Their daughter Cristina is a freshman at the New College in Sarasota, FL, an honors school in the Florida university system. Ana and Pam revisited their college days and their pre-

Heard's Pond. Leo is a project engineer with Metcalf & Eddy, an environmentally oriented engineering firm. He lives nearby in Watertown. • A new entrepreneur in the class is Pat Mee Marvin, who has formed and registered a nonprofit company, Bible-mates, Inc. The company works with a job-training program to make Bible character finger puppets that enable children to role-play the scripture stories. You can check out the fledgling business for yourself at www.biblemates.com. Pat, a proud and happy grandmother, couldn't

is the only historic East Coast whaling merchant's home open to the public; its grounds include a full city block of formal gardens. • Garrett Orazem, husband of the late Nancy Durkin Orazem, reports that he is taking up ice fishing for adventure. He explains one can vacation at an ice-fishing school, meet world-class athletes, and have a unique experience for an astoundingly small sum of money. (Being more of a wimp temperature-wise, I look forward to enjoying his tales while I vacation in warmer climes.) Other news from the Orazems: son Tim '06 is an investment banker in Boston; and daughter Lucy worked on the production side of Dan Rather's new television show. • On a sad note, Mary Pat McCarthy Kelleher passed away in October at her Wellesley home after a brief illness. She had been a sales manager for the National Cable Communications Company and was an avid gardener, a devoted shore enthusiast, and a proud mother of daughter Amy. Please remember her in your prayers. • A final note: I joined the board of the BC Alumni Association and am finding this an excellent way to meet new friends. I encourage all alums to take advantage of the association's networking opportunities by getting involved in whatever way appeals. There are local chapters throughout much of the United States, committees with specific functions (e.g., class and reunion activity, career services, spiritual life, admissions and student involvement), and shared interest groups. To participate, simply contact the Alumni Association or e-mail me at dubrowski@aol.com, and I will pass your contact information along. Remember to put "Newton" in the subject heading to ensure I receive your message.

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senior year trip to Europe. • Susan Power Gallagher ran into Mary Beth McGrail Swofford and her husband, Pierce, at a Boston College event for alumni parents and their children. Their daughter is a freshman at BC. They have recently moved back to McLean, VA, after a stint in Berlin, Germany. • Thanks for the news.

1970

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Hi, gang. Hope you all got to enjoy a great football season last fall, even those of you who couldn't get back to campus. Football season does give your favorite columnist a chance to see a number of you as I wander around tailgate parties. I ran into Phil Cody, who along with his wife, Patty, now divides his time between homes in Ipswich and Jupiter, FL, after selling his Florida-based leasing company where he is now employed. • Had a chance to chat with old friend John Hughes, a longtime season ticket holder. John, the principal of Natick High School, reports that the school year opened well and without incident, the dream of every school administrator. Should I mention that John's Natick High football team was undefeated in the regular season and No. 2 in the Metrowest area, which was of course right behind No. 1 Wayland High? • While name-dropping my hometown, I have to mention Leo Martin, who was recently enjoying our recreational facilities, kayaking on

help but also mention her two beautiful granddaughters: Charlotte (2) and Emma (1). • One classmate's political star is rising, as the recent elections saw Eileen Spratt Ehlers win a seat in the New Hampshire legislature representing her hometown of Hooksett. • Unfortunately, at this point our lives are often touched with the passing of loved ones. Condolences are sent to Gerri Garvin on the untimely death of her husband, Paul Theodore, early last fall and to Don Therrien on the death of his father, Roland, in November. May they rest in peace.

NC 1970

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Our news this quarter spans wide-ranging interests. Jane McMahon enjoys her new career teaching Spanish to seventh and eighth graders in Litchfield, CT. She acquired a home in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, which she rents to friends when she cannot be there. Several alums have asked for contact information for Jane, who is a font of ideas on traveling through Mexico. She can be reached at janemcm@sbcglobal.net. • Kate Reilly Corkum finished an exciting summer as executive director of the Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum in New Bedford. Seasonal programming included an eclectic series of concerts, featuring New Orleans Cajun, zydeco, and R&B; fiddle jigs and reels; country and contemporary folk music; and tango dance instruction. The museum

1971

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NC 1971

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Jean McVoy Pratt and husband Don moved to the Outer Banks of North Carolina on November 1, 2006. They are enjoying the milder weather and life at the beach. Their e-mail has changed so please make a note of it: JeanDon2@charter.net. • Several of our classmates have children serving overseas. I ask that you remember them in your prayers. • Hope everyone had a glorious Christmas and warm wishes for a new year filled with health, hope, and happiness.

1972 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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It seems it was just yesterday that I attended the 30th class reunion, but this is already my last chance to promote the 35th event. It's scheduled to take place June 1-3. I hope you got the letter from our head class agent, Jeff Smith, about donating to the University to mark the event. • It was another good football season for our Eagles fan club here in Santa Monica. The prospect of a bowl game against Navy reminds me of the first BC game I ever saw: a closed-circuit telecast in McHugh Forum on the first Saturday we were on campus. As I recall, BC won: 49-0. Freshmen weren't eligible to play on the varsity team, but one of the stars of the freshman team was linebacker Lu Silva. Today, a key player for the Eagles is defensive lineman Austin Giles '10, who was coached by Lu at Marshfield High. • Speaking of coaches, longtime BC baseball mentor Eddie Pellagrini passed away last fall at the age of 88. "Pelly," as he was known by the players, was BC's coach from 1957 to 1988, including three seasons with our classmates Bill Bedard, Steve Micherone, Jay Brennan, Freddy Flynn, Ed Rideout, Tom Baenziger, Ted Motyl, Bill Haggerty, Joe "Buzz" Ahearn, and the late Cy Galvin. • An update on an item from two columns ago: Dan Ward JD '06, son of our most stable classmate Henry (a 35-year employee of Massachusetts Envelope) and Suzanne Quealy Ward, graduated near the top of his class at BC Law and is clerking for federal

judge Nathaniel Gorton. • Our other most stable classmate, Tom Groden, who's been the swimming coach at BC ever since we graduated, is another successful parent. His daughter Susan '07 graduates from BC this year, and daughter Erin '10 is a presidential scholar, having been valedictorian at Walpole High School. Tom's wife is Sara Schwartz '76. • Condolences to the family of Patricia Alpers, a junior high school teacher in Medford, who passed away in November. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1972 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

NC 1972 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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As we prepare for our 35th reunion, Julie Hirschberg Nuzzo NC '74, assistant director for Newton College, has plans well under way for an exciting weekend for all Newton reunion classes. In October, Julie met with Norma Tanguay Frye and Carol Hickey Cunningham to plan events. Anne Brescia and Mary-Catherine Diebel are also

• We have some sad news. In October, Elaine Toomey Krueger passed away from cancer. For over 20 years, Elaine was the director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's environmental toxicology program as well as an environmental expert on multiple public health issues. • Please also take a moment to remember in our prayers Alice Husson, RSCJ, who passed away in September. • Kathy Hickey Barrie had a Newton College cheering section at the Alumni Awards of Excellence: Her daughter Monica '98 came from San Francisco, and a nephew or two currently at BC attended, as well as John and Betsy Leece Conti, Martha Burns, Jim and Mary Sullivan Tracy, Georgia Murray and Mark Maloney, Mary-Catherine, and Carol. Watch the ceremony on the BC Alumni Association Website at www.bc.edu/alumni and remember to nominate alumni for these prestigious awards. • Maureen Kelly spent Labor Day weekend in Michigan at the summer place of Jeannie Graham Canada NC '74 and saw Bonnie Gunlocke Graham NC '71. • Mary Wurzelbacher Hogan and Phil announced the marriage of their daughter Kristen '97 to Geoffrey Doyle, son of Gerald and Sheila (Kelly) Doyle NC '64, last May in Rye. Both met while attending Columbia Business School and now live in New York City. Mary reported that lots of

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on board to assist. Let's block our calendars for June 1-3; send Julie all our address updates, particularly new e-mail addresses; and encourage everyone to attend. • Take a moment to read Dean John Garvey's thoughtful piece, with Julie's special memories, on BC Law School's plans for renovating Barat and Stuart on the Web at www.bc.edu/schools/law/alumni/magazine/2006/spring/deanscolumn/. • Also, just in time for the reunion, Julie arranged with Chadi Kawkabani, assistant director for marketing at the Boston College Bookstore, to offer two new items: a special-edition captain's chair with a laser engraving of the Newton College seal and an iron-on Newton College patch. A chair is now on display at the bookstore. Images of both items are available online at the BC Bookstore website at www.bcbookstore.com.

Newton alumnae met for the first time at the wedding. • As you read this column, please remember that there is a tight schedule for class correspondents to submit their next columns. This deadline usually occurs about a week after alumni receive the *BC Magazine*. Thus, to keep our news notes current, try sending me news electronically and/or post the news on the BC Online Community Website. Take care, look at the Online Community and the Bookstore Websites, and send news.

1973

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Hey, classmates, here is a great e-mail from our classmate **Tom Heckel** (thheckel@us.ibm.com), who is the program director for IBM Retail Marketing: "I stay in touch with a number of classmates. **Ken Nelson** continues as the superintendent of Bridgewater State Hospital. He and Susan '74 have been married for over 30 years and are looking forward to celebrating their daughter Grete's wedding in May. I see Ken at most home football games during the fall, as each of us are longtime season ticket holders. It's always a pleasure to catch up with his son Bart at the games. Bart is a recent graduate of Merrimack College. Ken and I joined **Rich Leidl, Don Evans, and Ed Shea** in Tallahassee this year to enjoy the BC victory over Florida State. This is an annual group reunion that has been going on for some 20 years. Don's daughter Ashley just graduated from Princeton; his son Eric is at the College of Charleston; and his youngest, Justine, is a senior at the National Cathedral School in Washington, DC. Don practices law in Arlington, VA, and resides in DC. Also practicing law in that area is Rich Leidl, who resides in Bethesda, MD, with wife Amy,

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Happy new year, everyone! I hope 2007 is filled with happiness for you and your family and friends. • All good news today: Congratulations to **Mark Gibney** on being named the 2006 International Human Rights Award recipient by the Human Rights Coalition of North Carolina. After BC, Mark went on to earn his JD from Villanova and then a PhD from the University of Michigan. Mark is a professor at UNC Asheville and annually produces the "Political Terror Scale," which ranks 175 countries

Tom has been doing fantastic work reporting on the impact of the athletic arms race going on at major universities around the country.

son Connor, and daughter Bethany. Up the road, Ed Shea continues his long career at the Educational Testing Service in Princeton NJ. Ed resides in Pennington with wife Abby and daughter Abby. The younger Abby is a senior in high school and is being recruited for track by several prominent universities. I celebrated my 25th year with IBM in February 2006 and continue to reside in Darien, CT, with my wife, Pam. My daughter, Kate '04, lives and works in New York City, and my son, John, is a sophomore at BC. I hear regularly from **Tom Palaima**, who continues to teach classics at the University of Texas. Tom is a frequent contributor to the *Austin American-Statesman* and has been doing fantastic work investigating and reporting on the impact of the athletic arms race going on at major universities around the country." Thank you, Tom, for taking the time to write to your BC classmates! • Well, that's it for this issue. Please send your news to me or you can send class notes via the Online Community at www.bc.edu/alumni. Thanks and happy winter.

according to their level of human rights violations. This award recognizes the North Carolinian who has made a significant contribution to protecting international human rights. • **Edward C. Bassett** has been named by *Boston Magazine* and *Law & Politics* to the 2006 Massachusetts "Super Lawyer" list. He is a partner with Mirick O'Connell. • **Bill Hines** is vice president of operations for the Northeast region for Buffalo Lodging Associates, LLC. Bill previously held similar positions with Marriott International and ITT Sheraton. He and his wife and two children reside in Needham. • New York Governor George Pataki has appointed **Daniel D. Angiolillo** to serve in the Appellate Division, Second Department. Daniel has spent the last six years sitting on the Supreme Court bench in Westchester County. He earned his law degree in '77 from St. John's University. Congratulations! • I have moved to the guidance office at Milton High School, and all is well. • Take care, and please write or post some news on the Online Community at www.bc.edu/alumni.

NC 1974

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At last, I have some news notes thanks to **Julie Nuzzo**. In Julie's own words: "Tony and I attended a special event when **Trisha Keough Almquist** and Glenn hosted a beautiful wedding and reception in honor of their oldest daughter, Meredith '01, on Saturday, October 28, 2006, in Rhode Island. Meredith married Jake Giannotti '01. This may sound a bit sentimental, but I remember the first time I held Meredith in my arms, so it was especially poignant to watch her walk down the church aisle on Glenn's arm. She and Jake met while they were students at Boston College. Meredith is a coordinator of events at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, and Jake is an investment banker at Leerink Swann in Boston. Trisha and Glenn have two younger daughters. Rachel is an account manager for *Time Out* in New York City. Jenny '06 graduated from the BC Connell School of Nursing and is employed as a nurse at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in the acute medical unit." • Julie also reported that **Deirdre Finn Romanowski** and Ron attended the Almquist/Giannotti wedding as well. Their son Troy is a senior at Lehigh University, and daughter Maura is a sophomore at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. Son Brian is a junior in high school and is considering his college options. • **Mary Gail Bryan** recently relocated to the Naples, FL, area. She joined the faculty of an elementary school where she is serving as a school counselor. Please let someone know your new address, Mary Gail. We do not want to lose track of you! • **Mary Faith Schilling de Saavedra** vacationed in Boston recently. She, **Crystal Day**, and Julie met for dinner and caught up on news. Retirement was a brief topic of conversation (hard to believe), but everyone agreed it is a long way off. Mary Faith makes a yearly trip to Madrid, where she lived as a student and worked after graduation. Crystal was set to depart on her yearly trip to Aruba. • Many thanks to Julie for the news notes. Julie is the assistant director, Newton College, for the BC Alumni Association. • Hopefully now that I have a BC e-mail address, I will be receiving regular e-mail correspondence to include in the news notes. I still enjoy regular mail too!

1975

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Hi, everyone. Recently, Doug Flutie '85 was the recipient of the Red, White, and Blue Award honoring him for his tireless efforts and contributions to the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. The benefit concert featured the James Montgomery Blues Band, the band Boston, Keith Lockhart, and several members of the Pops orchestra. Among those enjoying the tribute to Doug Flutie at Symphony Hall on November 13, 2006, were **Nancy O'Connor McCleary** and her husband, Dennis '74. They attended with Nancy's sister, Kathleen O'Connor Pierce '80, and her husband, Ken '79, who is the president of our alumni board. Nancy and Dennis live in North Andover. Their oldest daughter, Elizabeth "Zibby" '05 has kept the Eagle tradition going. Their second daughter is a sophomore at Georgetown University, where she is studying nursing. Their son is a senior at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. Nancy stays in touch with **Candy Kelly, Sally Hanke, Scottie Reid, and Mary Kane**. She also often sees Jan Goldman O'Connor '76 since she married Nancy's oldest brother. Dennis stays very active in the Varsity Club, and Nancy served on the Alumni Achievement Awards Nominating Committee. Nancy is a nurse working in tobacco research at Mass General Hospital. Dennis works in sales for FGS, Inc., a financial printing company. • Also in attendance was **Kathie Cantwell McCarthy**, who is married to Bill '74. Daughter Sheila '03 graduated from Columbia with a master's degree in social work. She is currently working for the Brooklyn District Attorney's office. Son Tom '01 is attending the police academy and has been hired as a police officer by the Framingham Police Department. • In the Heights Room on the same evening, the Church in the 21st Century presented "How Women Live Out Being Catholic: Sharing Our Stories." **Patricia Casey** of Maguire Associates was one of four panelists who spoke from a very personal perspective and fielded audience questions. • **Keith Cullinan** has been faithfully attending the Eagles football games. After BC, he began a career in food-service management consulting and is currently managing a billion-dollar division for the Compass Group. Keith and his wife, Joanne, live in Newtown, CT. They have been married for

25 years and have three children. • Upon graduating from BC, **Thomas J. Cannon** worked in Merrill's real estate group. After 20 years, he bought the real estate company from Merrill, which he now operates. Tom resides in New Jersey with his wife, Nancy, and their two boys. • As always, it is a pleasure to hear from you. Please send in any news and keep our class updated. Thank you.

Baltimore for the Social Security Administration. She is headed back to Dallas, where her daughter lives. She was near her son in Washington, DC, during her detail to SSA headquarters. • **Josh and Eileen Sutherland Brupbacher** had dinner with Scott and Debbie Kirby Sheperd and Mary Ellen Hackman Olson in Boston in August. • **Pam McNaughton D'Amroiso** got a shout from Jean Kanski Bittl. • **Liz Mahoney Flaherty, Nancy Coughlin Ferraro, Louise Paul Morin, and Margaret Caputo** are all well and busy. • **Joanne Manfredi** has moved from Manhattan to Florida; stay tuned for more details. • And last, but certainly not least, **Basia Chart Randolph** has surfaced! • Check out the Website! Thanks for all the news!

NC 1975

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I am sad to tell you of the death of **Donna Inferrera Traversi** in October. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. • I had great, long letters from many long-lost classmates. Please check the Website for the full story. • **Alice Cullen Rose** now works for the Boston school system after a long career as a real estate appraiser. She and Jack live in Westwood and have four daughters. • **Barbara Callahan Saldarriaga** and Juan have lived in Orlando since 1982. They too have four children (how did I miss that memo?). Barb is helping me find **Barbara Catalane**. She remembers that she came from Sea Girt, NJ. Anyone have a clue? • **Mary Ciaccio Griffin** and John are empty nesters this year. Mary is a vice president for government relations at Citigroup. She saw **Rita Carbone Ciocca** at Mass on Parents' Weekend at Hobart. • **Mary Beth Simpkins Wells** sent Thanksgiving greetings to all and said she had a nice visit with **Ann Marie** over the holiday. • **Carol Fitzsimons** is in Connecticut and writes that her gardening sisters were recently on HGTV's *Landscapers' Challenge*. She said it was fun to see them compete. Watch for a rerun! • I was so happy to get a letter from **Susy Lindahl Costa**. She and Tony live in Framingham and have a summer house in Harwich. She completed her master's degree in counseling psychology in 2000 and has been working at a large nonprofit agency providing individual psychotherapy. Susy has three children. She wants to contact the old Cushing girls: **Lee Costello, Joanne McCarthy Goggins, Jo Ann Hilliard Holland, Linda Tonoli Tardiff, and Carol Finigan Wilson**. Speaking of Carol, she sent a sweet note updating me on her full household and all their doings. • **Rosemary Grenier Stricks** has had a temporary assignment in

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Steve Timpany and **Roderick Beaton** are proud members of a crew team known as the Killer Bees, a group of 50-plus-year-old men who share a passion for rowing. They practice on Lake Quinsigamond three days a week from March to November and compete from Philadelphia to New Hampshire. Dan Donovan '68 is also a member of the team, which most recently competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta in October 2006.

1977 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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should anyone have need of it. • Get ready for our 30th reunion! You will be contacted by members of the Class of '77 Gift Committee to contribute to our class gift. Please open your hearts and wallets so we can make the gift drive a total success! Let us set a strong foundation upon which the legacy of BC can build! • May all good things find the path to your door. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1977 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1978

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Happy winter, Class of '78! One more year and we'll be celebrating another big reunion. The countdown begins! • On a sad note, **Diane Farefone Bradley** wrote that her husband, Stephen, died this past October after a long illness. She and Steve were married for 24 years and have two sons, David (14) and Matthew (12). Our prayers and sympathy are with you, Diane. • A gaggle of us were still celebrating the 5-0 mark in 2006. **Ernie and Toni (Abenavoli) Mintel** hosted a 50th birthday celebration last summer at their summer home in Niantic, CT. The following classmates were in attendance: **Shirley Bazinet Preleski**, **Rose Curtis Tyskiewicz**, **Diane Dube Bloumbas**, **Susan Houle**, **Sue Maillet**, **Don Makson**, **John and Kathy (Russell) Montalbano**, **Pam and Pat Theodoros**, and **Stan Zatkowski**. **Jimmy McGuire** phoned in. • Fellow class correspondent Stacey O'Rourke '79 wrote to tell me about bumping into **Tim Stack** at St. George's College in Rhode Island when both were visiting their respective children. Tim, who lives in Santa Barbara, has long been in the entertainment business (acting in movies and television), and most recently has been a writer for the hit TV show *My Name Is Earl*. You've always been a star in my eyes, Tim, my old Eagles Nest bud. • Keep sending me the scoop, you half-century-olds!

1979

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Betsey (Anderson) Reardon wrote and expressed the belief that "it was time to do outreach to a wider audience of BC alums." I second those sentiments but can only do so with assistance from you, so please e-mail or write. Betsey reports that while she was a student at BC she realized her obligation to give something back to the world that had been so kind to her. She has spent her career in urban schools, teaching English Language Learners students. Recently, she has become involved with a two-way bilingual program called Unidos in Somerville. The program allows both English- and Spanish-speaking students to become successful students fluent in two languages. Betsey and her husband, Bob, have raised two daughters: Sally (20), who attends Manhattanville, and Tiel (18), who is at Hofstra. Three years ago she and her husband took custody of Victor, a young man from Brazil who is attending Tufts. • In October, I attended the 2006 Alumni Awards of Excellence ceremony at which **Kenneth Quigley** was an honoree. Ken is the 14th president of Curry College in Milton, where he has been since 1996. Prior to becoming president, Ken was a faculty member at Curry. He has doubled the enrollment, grown the endowment, and waged a successful building campaign. In his spare time he serves as a trustee at Caritas Carney Hospital and is affiliated with numerous organizations and clubs. At the award ceremony, I was touched by his deep commitment to his family. Ken's son Kevin is currently a sophomore at BC, with a younger brother close behind. • I have recently been in touch with **Mike Fee** and in fact met him and his family at halftime during the Maryland game. Mike reports the following: He has expanded his company, Reliable Automatic Sprinkler, to South Carolina and has hired over 600 people. Now the hard part... learning how to say "grits" and "you-all" (Mike, its "y'all"). Mike has four children: Ashley (22), who may be attending grad school at BC next fall; Lindsey (21), a BC senior; Michael (17), who hopes to be a freshman at BC in the fall of '07; and Jaclyn (15), who is a high-school sophomore. Mike needs to continue installing fire sprinklers in order to make this a reality. He also reports he was going to be meeting **Brian Kickham** at spot 16 in what we called the Reservoirs parking lot, now called Edmonds. We also chatted a bit about old Chaminade-BC boys like **Chip Reynolds** and **Joey Manassee**. Hey, guys, how about a quick update?

1980

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As I promised/threatened in the last issue, I have set up a Website to show pictures from our college years. I would really appreciate contributions from classmates via CD to include on the site. It may be time to start poking around your parents' attic for those photos. Visit the site at web.mac.com/jtcemd. As I mentioned on the site, I will use the utmost discretion when deciding which photos to exhibit. I hope you enjoy the idea and contribute freely. • I spoke to **Paul Bronzo** recently. He still lives in Westchester County, NY. He tells me his daughter is a freshman basketball player at Colgate University. He was planning a visit to the Heights in December to watch her play against the Eagles. • I received an e-mail from **Maura Haggerty Sweeney**, who requested I give a shout-out to **Mike Considine** to thank him for introducing her to her husband, **Jim Sweeney**, at a back-to-school booze cruise in 1977. She and Jim recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. They live in Florida with their 14-year-old daughter. After closing their computer rep business in 2004, they took a yearlong sabbatical to travel. They have kept in daily contact (not kidding!) with **Cheryl Saracusa Healey**, who is a partner in their group. Cheryl lives in North Andover with her husband, Paul, and their 17-year-old daughter. They also keep in touch with **Gerry Male** and **John Batista**. Jim, John, and Gerry recently drove up to Tallahassee for the BC vs. FSU football game. • That's all for this issue. I may be changing Internet accounts (Mac and Verizon don't want to play nice), so if you have difficulty reaching me, please call 508-586-0428 for a new e-mail address.

1981

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Greetings from Virginia Beach! • I know you'll be interested in hearing some news of two of our fellow classmates who graduated from SOM that I picked up from some recent press releases. • **Denise Larkin Kiley**

is the former managing trustee and chief credit officer of CharterMac, a real estate financial services firm. She was the director of the company's Asset Management and Underwriting divisions, where she was responsible for overseeing the due diligence and asset management of all multifamily residential properties invested in by CharterMac-sponsored corporate, public, and private equity and debt funds, a portfolio that totaled over \$24 billion. She was also the chief operating officer of Related Capital Company, a CharterMac subsidiary. Denise retired from CharterMac in 2005. She was recently appointed to the advisory board of Pembroke Capital Management, a New York-based real estate investment management company, and is a member of the advisory committee for the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University. I'm very proud of the many accomplishments of my fellow Long Islander! She's come a long way since our crazy freshman year on the Newton Campus! • Another SOM graduate has also made her mark in the business world. **Anne Kavanagh** is the founder and CEO of New York-based Kavanagh Consulting LLC, a consulting services company primarily focused on corporate financial and strategic advice. Prior to founding her own business, Anne served in a variety of senior executive positions in the investment banking industry, including with PaineWebber, Prudential Securities, Salomon Brothers, NatWest Securities, and Drexel Burnham. She was recently appointed to the board of directors of Mothers Work, Inc., a designer and retailer of maternity apparel. • **Diane Coletti** chaired "Beginning the Journey" for students in the College of Arts and Sciences on October 4, 2006, at BC. "Beginning the Journey" is an annual program focusing on career and life skills sponsored by the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University.

1982 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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It's hard to believe that we have been out of college for 25 years. I am hopeful that by becoming the new class correspondent for the Class of '82, I will reconnect with many of you. I am married to Richard

O'Brien and have two daughters. Elizabeth is a senior at Boston Latin School, so we are currently on the college circuit. Caroline is a fifth grader at the Richard J. Murphy School in Dorchester. I teach second grade at the Agassiz School in Jamaica Plain. I have spent most of the last 25 years teaching second grade and am proud of three of my former students who are currently sophomores at BC—Adam, Kaitlin, and Madeline—and another former second grader, Shanna, who is a senior. My niece Molly McAleer '06 graduated from BC last spring and is currently living and working in LA. My most recent accomplishment was organizing and running the Boston Latin School's Annual Auction for Scholarships for Seniors, which was successful and raised a lot of money for the Class of 2007. Hot items naturally included tickets to BC sporting events. • I recently heard from several classmates and am pleased to report that **David Surprenant**, a managing partner with the

got married in the summer of 2005 to Russi Wadia after a short 15-year courtship. She also moved to a new investment advisory firm, Coburn & Meredith in downtown Boston, in May 2006 as vice president after being with Smith Barney (and predecessor firms) since 1981. • I ran into **Marie Richards** at St. Ignatius Church a few years ago at the University Memorial Mass for deceased members of the BC community. Marie was there with her mom and many of her aunts. Her uncle, John Corcoran '48, had passed away during the year, as had my parents, Ruth and John McAleer '45. There was a nice reception following the Mass in the John M. Corcoran Commons, named for Marie's uncle. John was also the uncle of **Timothy Corcoran**. • Sadly, one of our classmates, **Leonard P. Mascaro III** of Wrentham, passed away on September 2, 2006. Our condolences to Leonard's family. • Please keep in touch. I am very good about reading e-mail. Mark your calendars now for Laetare Sunday

Michael is still with MetroNetworks, broadcasting the weather on 10 radio stations in Greater Boston and throughout the Northeast and Midwest.

law firm of Mirick O'Connell and a resident of Sutton, was named by *Boston Magazine* and *Law & Politics* magazine to the 2006 Massachusetts "Super Lawyer" list. Congratulations, David. • **Patricia Twomey** wrote to let us know that Double Eagle **Daria Venezia Todd** JD '85 and husband Jim welcomed a son, William James, into their family on October 11, 2006. Daria is managing partner at Venezia & Nolan in Woodbridge, NJ. Daria, Jim, and Will reside in Colonia, NJ. Best wishes to you all. • **Michael Ellis** returned to campus for the Duke vs. BC football game in November with fellow alums **Scott Sandvos** and **Michael Turner**. Michael was pleased to see **Robyn Frye** there, as well as **Karen Kelly Kiefer**, who was on the field for a nice honor at halftime. After 17 years, Michael is still with MetroNetworks, broadcasting the weather on 10 radio stations in Greater Boston and throughout the Northeast and Midwest. He also is working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, coordinating a business improvement initiative for the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, within the Department of Public Health. • **Patricia Flaherty** wrote to say that she

on March 18 and the BC Alumni National Day of Service on Saturday, April 21. Our class will be involved with both. Would love to hear from the South Street/Chiswick Road crew! • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1982 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1983

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Ken Chase owns the French and Spanish Saturday School and was one of the two men running for US Senate in Massachusetts on the Republican ballot. This was his fourth run for office. He most recently ran for Congress against Ed Markey in 2004. Ken is married with two children and lives in Belmont. • **Theresa Williams** has been appointed client services director at Living at Home SeniorCare. Theresa has more

RONCALI ROOTS

The month of March meant many things to Steve Murray '84. It meant casting aside the shackles of winter, the bright promise of spring, and an invariable phone call from his longtime BC friend, the late Frank Rochford '84. A call from Frank in early March signaled two things to Steve—the annual Big East basketball tournament in Madison Garden was rapidly approaching, and soon the old BC gang would be getting together again.

According to Steve, his friend Frank had two passions: Boston College and his many friends.

For Steve—like so many alumni—BC is forever associated with lifelong friendships, which Steve is quick to catalog. There's Frank, of course, as well as Brian Courtney, Scott Campbell, John Fay, Dave Pierce, and Steve Paige, all Class of '84, and Steve Courtney '87. "Most of us met freshmen year living on the third floor of Roncali," recalls Murray about his first-year experience housed on College Road. "And we've been friends ever since."

Like most BC alumni, each of these men went their separate ways after graduation. Steve Murray went into business at JP Morgan for 21 years, and recently spun out his own investment company, CCMP, in New York. Meanwhile, his friend Frank took a more nomadic career path, working for places like UPS and as a tax preparer.

In 2004, their friendship—steeped in practical jokes (based on Frank's legendary hypochondria) and good-natured ribbing—came to a crossroads when doctors diagnosed Frank with cancer. Then came Las Vegas.

It was the spring of 2006, and though the Big East basketball tournament still took place in New York City, BC belonged to a different conference now. This time it was Steve calling to get the Roncali gang together.

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"The crowning moment of our friendship is when we took Frank to Vegas," says Steve. "Our friendship was not one of convenience or familiarity. We rallied around each other."

In August 2006, Frank, whose life was defined by his commitment to his friends and his wife, Kathy, passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. To Frank's funeral came many friends and family, and one curious object—a football autographed by BC players. Its presence, according to Steve, was highly symbolic of Frank and proof of how deep the friendships first forged in Roncali Hall had grown.

than 20 years of experience in geriatric care that includes previous positions as director of nursing at Langdon Place and as director of the Alzheimer's unit at St. Patrick's Manor. She has been a presenter and speaker at numerous Alzheimer's and senior-care conferences. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing and a master's degree in adult primary care, both from Boston College. Theresa lives in Merrimack with her husband, Andrew, and their twins. • Diane Bailey-Boulet recently moved to a New Urbanism development in Louisville, KY, with husband Tom. Diane and Tom have two daughters, ages 15 and 6. Diane is in her ninth year as a consultant and speaker with Better Communications (www.writetothetop.com), spreading the gospel of reader-centered business writing to global companies. She contributed to *Write to the Top: Writing for Corporate Success* (Random House, 2004). A British national, Diane has served on the boards of the Boston-based British Charitable Society and the British American Business Council of New England. A history major at BC, she is researching and writing a book on her father's childhood in a Yorkshire coal-mining community during the 1930s and '40s. • It's easy to submit your notes online. Please let us know what's new, and best wishes to all in the new year!

1984

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Greetings! Hope you are all well and enjoyed the holidays. Here's the news. • After spending 10 years in the legal department at Marriott International, **Pierre Donahue** was hired last October as the senior vice president and general counsel of Barceló Crestline Corporation and Crestline Hotels & Resorts, an independent hotel management company headquartered in McLean, VA. Pierre lives in Takoma Park, MD, with his wife, Elisa Massimino, and their three children: Conor (12), Mia (11), and Dominic (7). Pierre is still running marathons and recently qualified for the Boston Marathon this April, which will be his eighth Boston Marathon and 30th overall. • Last April, **Christina Moore Schlitt** was married to Daniel K. Schlitt of Babylon, NY, at the Sts. Philip and James Church in St. James, NY. They had a wonderful ceremony at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook. BC friends **Kathy (Aubin) LaPlant** and Julie Rinaldi '85 were in attendance. Dan is a

computer programmer, and Christina is a teacher and freelance writer. • **Sean Whalen** and his wife, Sandra, have four children: Robert (11), Jack (8), Sam (3), and Gordy (2). They live in Marblehead and spend their summers boating and their winters skiing in Vermont. Sean is the Eastern regional sales director for Magtec Products, Inc., a company based in Calgary, Canada. Sean's niece, Caitlin Whalen, is a freshman at the Heights. • **Peggy Cain Hynes**'s son, Conor, is in his freshman year at BC also. He is in the School of Arts and Sciences and is majoring in economics. He's a member of the Rugby Club and will be living in Peggy's old dorm, Fitzpatrick, next year. Peggy says it's great to be back at BC as a parent and that Conor loves it. Peggy is a yoga instructor and lives in Mendham, NJ, with her husband, Ted, and two other children, Kevin (16) and Katie (13). • **Linda Dunne** chaired "Beginning the Journey" for students in the Carroll School of Management on October 17, 2006, at BC. "Beginning the Journey" is an annual program focusing on career and life skills sponsored by the Council for Women of Boston College. The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • Thanks for all the

news. It was great to hear from you! To the rest of our classmates, please write and best to all in 2007!

1985

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Hi again! • The Scleroderma Foundation has hired **Jeff Shmase** as its new communications manager. In this position, Jeff is responsible for promoting and publicizing the foundation's three-fold mission of support, education, and research through electronic and print media. Jeff writes and distributes press releases, pitches story ideas, and serves as the initial point of contact for media inquiries. He also writes for the foundation's Website, annual report, brochures, and other printed materials emanating from the national office. • **Paula Raymond** has been living in New York City for the past 13 years. She has worked in the field of advertising as well as a set dresser on some independent films. For the last two years, she has been the design and communications coordinator for a touring repertory theater company called The Acting Company. • **Betsy Brown** chaired "Beginning the Journey" for students in the Connell School of Nursing on October 10, 2006, at BC. "Beginning the Journey" is an annual program focusing on career and life skills sponsored by the Council for Women of Boston College.

and his wife, Kara, live in Fredericksburg, VA, with their children, Sean (7) and Katie (2). • Please send me some news for our next issue.

1986

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Thomas Salmon is involved in an exciting recount in his bid for Vermont's state auditor. Tom, a Democrat, was in a very close race and has petitioned the state to embark upon a recount. As of this writing, the recount had begun! Let's hope for the best for Tom! No other news from here. • Let me know if you have any info for the next column! Thanks!

1987 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Hi. I hope you're all well and looking forward to our reunion, which is right around the corner! • I heard from **Diane Arduino Premus**. She and her husband, **Joe**, have been married for 16 years and have three children: Julia (11), Olivia (10), and Andrew (7). They live in Southington, CT. After teaching for eight years in Burlington, CT, and then staying home to raise their three

AZ. Alina became the director of advertising for Osco's Drug Division and had a second child, Isabella (now 3). She is now the senior manager of nontraditional sales at Office Depot in Boca Raton and would love to hear from any classmates in the area as well as from her senior-year, Hillsides A66 roommates, chemistry major buddies, and all classmates from Puerto Rico. • **Betsy Grody Wattie** and her husband, Rob, are loving their recent move from New Hampshire to Charleston, SC. Betsy is a carrier manager for Benefitfocus.com on Daniel Island. Their son Robbie (1) loves the beach and is very lucky to have both sets of grandparents close by. If there are any Eagles living in the area or coming down to visit, please look her up! • **Jim Ostrowski** writes that in college he was known as "Gator" and lived in Mod 28B, known as the Football Players Mod. He stayed in Massachusetts for 17 years until moving back to Pennsylvania with a job change. He now lives in Newtown with his wife, Denise, and their two kids, Chris (19) and Dena (14). He is currently vice president of operations for NFI Industries' National Freight. His roommate, **Peter Caspariello**, is living in Westborough with his wife, Lisa, and their four children: Ricky, Anthony, Domenic, Isabella. Both ex-football players follow the Eagles weekly! • Thanks to all who wrote in. See you in June!

1988

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Lots of folks are having lots of parties this time. One "40th sail-a-bration" happened in October when **Karl** and **Patti (Mullaly) Panzer**, **Brian** and **Jenny (McMahon) Varick**, **Ben** and **Linda (Malenfant) Taubman**, and **Ross** and **Melissa (White) Shaheen** set sail for the Caribbean from Florida. Rumor has it the spa and bar bills were both high, but all danger was warded off by Melissa's Travelocity Roaming Gnome (she works for McKinney, the firm that created it). Not bad for a group that met in 1984 in CLX. • Another group of nine ladies met up for an amazing weekend at the Florida family home of **Donna Delayo-Urschler** of Basking Ridge, NJ. In attendance were **Denise Young** from Los Angeles; **MaryAnn (Lambert) Deters** of Beverly Hills, MI; **Julie (Lynch) Donovan** from Hingham; **Michelle (Hicks) Murray** of Bolton; **Tracy (Touhey)**

She is researching and writing a book on her father's childhood in a Yorkshire coal-mining community during the 1930s and '40s.

The council is dedicated to furthering the role of alumnae as leaders and active participants in the University. • After serving 20 years in the Army, **Steve Karl** retired in July 2005 and took a job as a Department of the Army civilian, working on the Army staff in G-4 (Logistics) at the Pentagon. Steve took a new job in September with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, working on integrated logistics support for new equipment. He

children, Diane returned to work as a reading tutor in the Farmington schools. • I also heard from **Alina Sinz**, who joined the Osco Drug management team in Boston after graduation and stayed in the area for eight years. She then relocated to Chicago and became a buyer in Osco's Oak Brook headquarters. In 1995 she married Dan Gagnon from New Hampshire and relocated to Salt Lake City, where their first child, Matthew (now 7), was born. After three years, they once again relocated to beautiful Scottsdale,

Schirmer from Andover; Gina Andreotti-Kovach, now living in Shanghai; Jane (Gregory) Kragh from Atlanta; and Janet (Bruyette) Petronio. The group missed seeing Mary (Vainisi) Rogers but were thankful to their families for the "time off."

• Last August saw another group getting together, this time in Monroe, CT. The occasion was the baptism of David and Sue (Connolly) DeGeorge's new daughter, Elizabeth Lacey. The lobster clambake afterward was attended by Christine McMenimen from Wilmington, Jim and Michelle (Mar-don) Cuff and their five children, Karen and Rich O'Connor and their two daughters, and Andrew and Kristen (Browse) Bergamasco in from Morristown, NJ, with daughter Lauren and son Jason. Also living in Monroe are Dave and Sonia (Fernandez) Wells with their two sons, Nicolas and Oliver. • John Gallagher and wife Kim (Roer) '91 had a daughter, Maya Margaret, in August. She joins older brother Ian. John is an information systems professor at BC, and the family lives in Newton. • Nancy Hamel LaTourrette is living in Canberra, Australia, with husband Scott and children Courtney and Christopher. Scott is posted at the US embassy,

ing a "mega" update from Kevin Elwood—many thanks!) than I had room to include in this column. However, you can now view each quarterly class update online at www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/community. Please log on today, register (if you haven't already), and read the entire column—plus past and future updates. Sign up today and keep sending updates! Cheers. • Robin Corey-St. John (corey-stjohn@comcast.net) writes in from Mill Valley, CA, where she lives with her husband Dan, and sons Ben (5) and Sam (3-1/2). Since graduation, Robin has worked for her family business (Blanchard Liquors), earned her MBA from Babson, worked in marketing for American Express in New York City (where she met her husband), moved back to Boston and started a wine business, and then moved once again to California, where she worked in marketing for Charles Schwab until the kids came along. These days, kids and projects are keeping her very busy. • Brian and Connaught (O'Donnell) Colbert welcomed their second son, Cameron Baker Colbert, on July 3, 2006. Big brother Gavin is thrilled, and all enjoy living in Concord. • Ken Breen has been named a 2006 New York "Super

Rich Strollo, Rich Nunez, Sean Carroll, David McAuley, Andrew Panayiotou, John McLaughlin, Steve McNear, and Ed O'Brien.

- Log on to the BC Online Community for full details!

1990

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Sean Gavin married Sandra Fisher in Dorchester on November 17, 2006. The wedding party included best man Kevin Mahoney '91 and groomsmen Pat Patruno, Mike Foley, Tim Doheny '88, and John Connor '93. Many members of the Class of 1990 were in attendance. • Michael Patrick Mahoney was born to Kevin Mahoney and his wife, Karen, on November 2, 2006. Michael joins his big sister, Mary (5). • Brian Hellgeth and his wife, Amy, live in Arlington Heights, IL, with their three children: Bryce (6), Parker (5), and Hailey (3). Brian has been working for SunTrust Mortgage, Inc., for the last 12 years as the Illinois sales manager. With all the kids' activities, he doesn't get back to Boston too often but tries to attend any BC game in the Midwest. He can be reached at brian.hellgeth@suntust.com.

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and Nancy would love to hear from her "old" BC buddies! • Jeff Korgen has written a book just published by Paulist Press. *My Lord & My God: Engaging Catholics in Social Ministry* is a Christ-centered approach to the church's ministries. Jeff, his wife, and two daughters live in New York. • Tom and Patti (Boozang) Nedell are living in Brewster, NY with their three children. Tom is CFO at St. John's University. Patti is a senior health policy analyst for a Manhattan law firm. • Finally, a sad note. Larry Simon, of Staten Island, NY, passed away on October 19, 2006.

Lawyer" in criminal defense: white collar. Ken heads Fulbright & Jaworski's White Collar Crime and Government Investigations Group in New York. Congrats! • Peter J. Klanian was appointed vice president of global sales for SilverBack Technologies, a provider of service-delivery platforms. He was also selected by VARBusiness magazine as a "Top 100 Channel Executive" in 2006 and by CRN as a "Channel Chief" in 2005 and 2006. Congrats! • Jim McIntyre (jmcintyre@boston.k12.ma.us) just completed a 10-month national fellowship with the Broad Foundation's Urban Superintendents Academy and served on newly elected Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's transition working group on pre-K-12 education. Last May, Jim was appointed chief operating officer of the Boston Public Schools. He lives in West Roxbury with wife Michelle and two sons. Congrats! • Kevin Elwood (kTELWOOD@yahoo.com) wrote in with a great update (and pictures!) on many Class of '89 members, including Rob Lordi, Andres Romero, John Shay, Gary McFarland, Mike Kern, Matt Pye, Michael Ripich,

1991

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My apologies for not getting everyone's notes into the last magazine. I will try to include the news from the past submissions into the next few issues. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season, and I'm sure there are a lot of interesting events happening in everyone's lives. Please be sure to send in your news! • Our deepest sympathies go out to Mary Lou Connolly's family. Mary Lou passed away on October 16, 2006, after a long illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. • Congratulations to Kelly (Flavin) Rowan, who had a baby boy on July 25, 2006. Timothy James joins older sister Kara and brother Matthew. • John Brady and his wife, Susan, welcomed Claire Ainsley on September 11, 2006. Claire joins Eleanor Jane (2-1/2) and Henry

1989

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Classmates, I hope this finds you enjoying your winter. This quarter was the first time that I received more class updates (includ-

William (3-1/2). John is a senior vice president with Man Financial in Chicago, managing a hedge fund sales desk. John and Susan have lived in the Roscoe Village neighborhood of Chicago for six years. • **Carol (Dowling) Donnelly**, husband Dave, and son Sam (1) welcomed triplets Lilian, Sarah, and William in June. Carol, Dave, and the team live in Darien, CT. They recently moved into a new house, and Carol has opted to put her work as an accountant aside for the time being to raise her four children. • **Cara (Alexander) Kealy** and her husband, Sean '90, are living in Mount Vernon, NY. Cara is in her fourth year in real estate and was the top sales agent at Bronxville-Ley with over

low classmates in attendance were **Matt Taylor** and **Keith Espinosa**. Guests arrived from all over the world, and fireworks at the end were a great way to conclude the day. Helen is a science teacher in New York City, and Dimitrios is corporate counsel at a pharmaceutical company. His e-mail address is dangelis@yahoo.com. • **Shane (Jennings) Yahn** and her husband, David, are pleased to announce the birth of their twin daughters on April 13, 2006. Caroline and Victoria were born in Morristown, NJ, and join proud big brothers Spencer (2) and Zachary (5). The big, happy family is now living in Long Valley, and Shane is happy to be home full-time with her children. • **Mike Aaron** is

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1993

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Laura (Bete) Mcfarland and some old roommates and friends from BC '93 got together recently. **Tracy (Monaco) Lawlor**, **Sheila (Vaidya) Dibb**, **Maura (Kelly) Lannan**, and **Jen (Flynn) Jarbeau** spent the weekend in Boston (and on BC's campus) enjoying yoga, dinner at Bouchee, and a visit to the LILL pocketbook studio. Photos of their little Eagles (each has one or two children) were shared by all. Laura and husband Todd '92 live on the South Shore with sons Alex (6) and William (3). Laura is currently at home full-time and can't imagine anywhere else she'd rather be. • **Steve and Jennifer (Viklund) Smith** welcomed their second child, Madeline Claire, on March 6, 2006. Jennifer is a full-time mom to Maddie and big brother Daniel. Steve is a principal engineer at Draper Laboratory in Cambridge. Currently the family is splitting their time between Acton and Glendale, AZ. • **Karen (Noonan) Goode**, husband Shannon, and big brother Connor Edward (2) welcomed Dylan Patrick on September 5, 2006.

• **Chris Woods** moved back to Boston after living and working in New York City for the past 10 years. During that time, he earned his MBA in marketing from New York University's Stern School of Business in its entertainment, media, and technology program. Chris has joined Google in its Cambridge office. He and his family are now living in South Natick. • Hopefully, **Wendy McTimoney Flynn** is getting more sleep now. Her second daughter, Maggie, was born in June. However, the lack of sleep is not due to Maggie but older sister Allison, who seems to have reverted back to being a baby, asking for milk, Band-Aids, and other miscellaneous items... at 3 a.m. Despite that, Wendy keeps busy with her career. She had been working as HR director of Citigroup Asset Management in New York prior to relocating to Rockville, MD, last year. Now Wendy keeps busy with HR consulting work with clients such as Legg Mason. • **Mike Lord** and wife Sue moved from New Hampshire to Jersey City, NJ, for his new job as assistant director of residence life for

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\$17 million in sales in 2005. Cara was also selected as one of Westchester's top real estate agents by Westchester's WAG magazine. Cara and Sean have two boys, Harrison (7) and Declan (3). After Cara's breast cancer diagnosis six and a half years ago, she has become a vocal advocate for breast cancer awareness. She has been seen on national health channels, and her story has been published in AP releases. In November 2005, Cara and her family learned that the cancer had resurfaced in her brain and lungs. This has not slowed Cara down, and her current medical therapy is doing a remarkable job of holding the cancer at bay.

working at American Express in New York City as vice president of brand and network advertising, and **Elizabeth Meola Aaron** finished her master's in educational administration just before having Henry Edward, who was born on May 4, 2006. He joins Nicholas (3). The couple resides in Maplewood, NJ. • **Pete and Jen (Ward) Joel** had their fifth baby on October 4, 2006. Her name is Moira Elizabeth, and she joins siblings PJ (7), Aedan (5), Megan (3), and Teddy (1). They live in Chatham, NJ. Pete works at First Boston in New York City, and Jen stays home managing everyone's busy schedules. • **Jim and Susan (Schaefer) McGovern** plus daughter Julia (2) welcomed Sabrina on September 12, 2006. The family lives in Manhasset, NY. Jim is a senior vice president at GE Commercial Finance.

• **Mike and Erin (Hurley) Zilis** moved from Scottsdale, AZ, to San Clemente, CA, this past summer, where they're happily living five minutes from the beach. Erin is vice president of custom media for McMurry, Inc., and Mike is vice president/corporate controller at Ingram Micro. They lost their Outlook address book recently, so they've asked their BC friends to please send contact info to enmszilis@cox.net so they don't lose touch! • **David and Christa (Hainey) Cormier** welcomed son Connor Sebastian on July 1, 2006. He joins big brother Cameron (3). Christa has left her position at Sowood Capital Management to be a full-time mom. Christa and David live in Franklin. • To contribute to our class gift,

1992 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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After 10 years of being together since they met in Japan, **Dimitrios Angelis** and Helen Williams (who is English) were married on June 24, 2006, in a country wedding in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. They were married at a chapel in Windham and had the reception at their lake house under a marquee. Fellow classmates in the wedding party were **Richard Smith**, **Lou Kodumal**, **Bill Anderson**, **Jason Panos**, **Arnold DeGarcia**, and **Andrew Duffy**. Fel-

community development at Saint Peter's College. They're grateful to be back in "civilization" again; New York City is only a 30-minute commute! • Bob and **Maura (Kelly) Lannan** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Margaret Mary "Peggy," on April 3, 2006. Last year, the Lannans moved from Chicago to the Washington, DC, area, where Maura is a freelance reporter.

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Happy new year! • **Jeanne (Broussard) Ballinger** married Brian Ballinger on June 10, 2006, in Lafayette, LA, witnessed by April Vella, Victoria Roch, Loring (Barnett) Bartlett, Jodi (Strebel) Gaskill, Jen Lewis, and Ann (Lassotovitch) Flaherty. In September, the couple honeymooned in Italy, where they attended Victoria Roch's wedding. The couple lives in Austin, where Jeanne is a physical therapist at St. David's Rehabilitation, and Brian works for Sun Microsystems. • **John Waguestack**, who lives in San Francisco, is a surreal artist who works in several mediums including oil, acrylic, ink, multimedia, and industrial design. His work has been exhibited in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and New York. You can find more information and an online gallery at www.johnwaguestack.com. • **Joseph Del Guercio** of CNF Investments was recently appointed to the board of directors of Innovative Biosensors Inc., which develops rapid, ultrasensitive tests to detect

the groom's father, Francis Donnelly '62, Elaine Donnelly '95, Kevin Donnelly '65, Kristen Pedersen McDonald '98, **Michael Monteiro**, Eileen Donnelly '65, and Brian Donnelly '64. Patrick is an attorney with Roache & Malone in Boston, and Lynette works for the Watertown school district. They live in Brighton just a few blocks from BC. • **Holly (Hanlon) Correia** and her husband, Paulo, live in Winthrop. Holly is in her third year of teaching fourth grade in Revere. She and Paulo welcomed their second child, Leo Alexander, in April. Big brother Max (3) and godmother April Hanlon '95 shared in the excitement. • **Michelle (Ascrizzi) Coviello** and her husband, Chip, recently moved from Cary, NC, to Charlotte along with their children, Charlie (3) and Nicole (1). Michelle is a partner with HireNetworks, a technical recruiting firm based in Research Triangle Park. • Thanks for the messages. I look forward to hearing more news in this new year of 2007!

1995

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Hello, Class of 1995ers. Please accept apologies for a few short or missed columns! • Tom '93 and **Mimi "Mary Elizabeth" Sullivan Gallagher** announce the birth of their second baby, Thomas. Mimi left her job at State Street to stay home with the "Irish Twins." • **Alisa (Gatti) Alt** wrote to tell us that her sister **Lynette Gatti** MEd '97 married Patrick Donnelly '94 on July 15, 2006, at St.

Julia. All are doing well. Older brother Robert is adjusting well. • **Jessica (Donsky) '97 and Steve Devine** welcomed their first baby, Lily, on March 28, 2006. Steve is a senior sales consultant at Meditech and recently celebrated 10 years at the company. • **Jerry JD '99 and Jennifer (Lynch) Buckley** were married in August 1999 and just welcomed their fourth child, Daniel, on June 30, 2006. He joins siblings Ryan, Ben, and Carlene. Jen and Jerry recently moved to Rhode Island, where Jen has joined her family's law practice, and Jerry runs his own, including agent representation for professional hockey players. • On July 1, 2006, **Gaffney McGrath** married Brian Murray in Southold, NY. Alumni present included **Lisa (Taylor) Lane**, **Annie (Swenda) Gunton**, and **Christian '94** and **Sarah (Foley) Celic**. Gaffney teaches English at Pleasantville High School and coaches girls' lacrosse. They are currently living in Piermont, NY. • **Noelle (Khoury) Ludwig** has been living in San Diego since graduation. After having daughter Ella nearly two years ago, Noelle has been home, working with her husband on an online parent community, www.parentography.com, providing tips for family-friendly excursions. • My news includes matching into the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Oregon Health Sciences University, where I'll be starting in July, following graduation from residency. Portland Eagles Alumni Club, here I come!

1996

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John Nash married Melissa Pennacchia on September 9, 2006, in Newport, RI. The wedding was at St. Barnabas Church in nearby Portsmouth, and the reception was under a tent on the lawn of the Chanler Hotel, on the Cliff Walk overlooking First Beach. The groomsmen included **Brian Campbell**, **Sean Lynch**, **Alvin Crocco**, **Scott Tower**, and **Dr. Matt Kroh**. Sean's wife, Margaret, who introduced John and Melissa, was a bridesmaid. The guests included Al's wife, Tara, and Matt's wife, Jean. The Class of '96 was further represented by **Ali Loper**, **Bryen Aoyama**, **Hope (McAndrew) Rupley**, **James Cesarano**, **Brian Herlihy**, **Kraig Hitchcock**, **Colleen (Brandes) Hitchcock**, **Chong-Min Kang**, **Lyle Underkoffler**, **Erica (Klausz) Underkoffler**, **Joel Vengco** and **Leigh McGrale-Vengco**, **Jay Zavislak**, and me. Since that was the night

They're grateful to be back in "civilization" again: New York City is only a 30-minute commute!

harmful pathogens. • **Patrick Donnelly** married Lynette Gatti '95, MEd '97 on July 15, 2006, at St. Ignatius. BC alumni included matron of honor Alisa (Gatti) Alt '95, bridesmaid Alexandra (Zilberman) Curtis '95, Paul Curtis '96, bridesmaid Kathleen (Scanlan) Streck '95, **Rob Streck**, Kevin Cronin '97, **Amy (Grace) Lynch**, Laura Cronin '95, Jen (Caira) Bolanos '96, Christian Bolanos '96, Julie and Rob Tyler '93, Michelle (Gagnon) Fay '95, Peter Fay '97, Jill (Robinson) Tully '95, Jack Tully '96, Carolyn (Quinn) Prucher '96, Katherine Ladetto '96, Stuart Peskin '69,

Ignatius. Alumni present included **Alexandra (Zilberman)**, Paul Curtis '96, and **Kathleen (Scanlan) Streck**. Lynette works for the Watertown school district, and Patrick is an attorney with Roache & Malone in Boston. They live in Brighton. • **Kelli and David Finnegan** announce the birth of their first child, Connor, born on February 16, 2006. David works for a real estate developer, and the family lives in Mansfield. • Three others celebrate a birthday on February 16, 2006. Bob and **Nadia (Vizioli) DeLaurentis** announced the birth of triplet girls: Alyssa, Marlena, and

THE ART OF RECONNECTING

If you happened to attend a BC event in the last 10 years, either on the Heights or off, there's a great chance that you ran into Kimberly O'Neil '97. Described by friends as "Miss BC," O'Neil is the seemingly ubiquitous alumna, one who manages to balance a busy career as a director of business development at a public company, while moonlighting on weekends as a real estate agent (a passionate hobby) and staying active in service to—and through—her alma mater.

After graduating with a degree in accounting, O'Neil spent the next three years as an auditor at Arthur Andersen LLP, where she became a C.P.A. In 2000, O'Neil shifted into a recruiting role and soon found herself back on college campuses, including BC, recruiting top accounting majors.

O'Neil now works in Boston for the Chicago-based Huron Consulting Group, which provides financial and operational consulting services. Her specialty: meeting with top-level corporate execs to match Huron's service offerings with their business needs. It's a role that allows O'Neil to mesh her interpersonal skills with her love for numbers. "Growing up in Maine as a girl who was good at math and science, everyone pushed engineering as a career," said O'Neil. "But I wanted to go into business because I have an outgoing personality and I enjoy meeting with and helping people."

O'Neil leverages this aspect of her personality as a recruiter, which she still does for Huron. Her target audience? "I've hired hundreds of BC kids over the years," she says. "I keep going back to that well because they're the best kids to get."

O'Neil would know. For the last several years, she has served as the co-leader of the Boston Chapter of the Boston College Alumni Association; in 2004, she was elected to the National Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. O'Neil's special



A director of business development, O'Neil moonlights as a real estate agent and keeping alumni connected to BC.

niche on the board is to help improve the many alumni chapters across the country.

"I enjoy getting people reconnected to BC," explains O'Neil. "So many people look for an outlet or different opportunities to get involved."

As busy as she is, O'Neil still finds time to volunteer for the Greater Boston Food Bank, represent her 10th year reunion committee, act as an ambassador for the BC Club, and sell real estate for Century 21 Spindler & O'Neil. As a fourth-generation realtor, O'Neil jokes that she has real estate in her blood, which, one may venture, is also tinted maroon and gold.

of the Clemson game, won in double overtime, a portion of the wedding took place in the hotel's bar. Doesn't every BC wedding seem to end that way? I remember cramming into a room at a country club at Dave and Amy Telep's wedding to watch BC beat North Dakota for the hockey championship in 2001. John and Melissa's wedding was just lovely—perfect weather, a splendid setting, and it was great to catch up with so many of our classmates. John and Melissa live in Franklin. • Some sad news: **Jody (Wenner) Pupecki** and husband Keith are sad to announce that their one-year-old son, Tylor, passed away in his sleep on November 17, 2006. Jody writes, "We thank all of our friends who came to the funeral, sent their sympathies, donated generously to the Tylor Pupecki Memorial Fund, and continue to love and support us on a daily basis." The Pupeckis have a daughter, Mackenzie (3). • **Damien Cave** writes that **Kevin Clarke** is finishing up a master's degree in entomology at San Francisco State University, and that **Dave Elsaesser** recently completed a

master's in Latin American studies at the University of Wisconsin, and is working with a fair trade organization in San Francisco. Damien was planning to return to Iraq in January as a full-time member of the *New York Times* Baghdad bureau. He encourages people to write him either to say hi or to just complain about his reporting. Damien's wife, **Diana Oliva** is also going to Iraq, and will be producing video and multimedia for the *Times* Website. After getting her MFA in film from Columbia, Diana has been working mainly as an editor—the latest film she worked on, *Teeth*, was accepted into the Sundance Film Festival. Here's wishing that Damien and Diana have a safe and productive stay in Iraq.

1997 REUNION: JUNE 1-3

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Our 10th reunion is fast approaching; mark your calendars for June 1-3. I hope to see you all there. • Here's what your classmates have been up to. • **Michael and Jessica (Tamburrino) Morris** welcomed twin girls, Lana Rose and Kyleigh Joanne, on May 22, 2006. They live happily in Sturbridge with their yellow Lab, Rosco. • **Lisa Lovas** was married on October 7, 2006, to Nader Bakhos, a grad of Johns Hopkins. They met in medical school at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical in Newark. Attending the wedding were **Sarah Brady** (maid of honor), **Kevin Cronin** (usher), Ed '96 and Lisa (Wadland) Fruscella '96, **Mike Bianco**, Guy Conti '98, and Chris and Kim (Cosgrove) Moran '00. Lisa is currently a pediatric resident at Massachusetts General Hospital, and Nader is an orthopedic resident at New England Medical Center. They live in Dedham. • **Chris Sanosi** and his wife had twin girls, Avery and Mikayla, on January 19, 2006. They are the fourth set of twins in three generations in his wife's family. The

twins attended their first BC football game in the fall when the Eagles played BYU. The family lives in Rhode Island, where Chris works in the IT department for Swarovski. Chris earned his MSIS degree in May 2005 and his MBA in December 2006 from Bryant University. • Kevin Penwell recently published his first book, entitled *My Quarter-Life Crisis*, under

on July 15, 2006. Kristi (Dailey) Boyer, Leanne (Little) Aguirre, Maureen Maloney, Chrissy (Torchen) Farkas, AnnMarie (DiBiase) Reid, and Clare (DiBiasie) Behrens were bridesmaids. Others in attendance were Liz Monaghan, Val (Pellegrini) Clark, Kelly Welch, Carrie (Cunniff) Cleary, Lisa (Cancilla) McCormack, and Meghan Watson. • Leanne Little and Vincent Aguirre

Hello, Class of 1999. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready for 2007. Here are a few updates on your classmates.

- On September 23, 2006, the second annual Red Bandanna Run was held to benefit the **Welles Remy Crowther Charitable Trust**. Some 280 runners turned out on a rainy Saturday, and \$12,327 was raised. The organizers were **Marielle Sack**, **Jessica Alberti** '00, **Chris Ferrarone**, **George Leuchs**, **Dan Ponsetto** (Volunteer and Service Learning Center), and **Kate Daly** (VSLC). Also for the Welles Trust, a fundraiser organized by **John Howells** and **Matt O'Keefe** was held at the Vintage Lounge in Boston on November 10, 2006; it raised \$5,000. Thank you to all who contributed to this great cause and keep checking the notes for future events.

- **Emily (Hack) Venanzi** earned her PhD in immunology from Harvard University in August. She is currently working at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston, continuing her research on autoimmune disease. Emily married Pat Venanzi '01 in 2002, and they live in Brookline. • **Laura (Karosen) Koch** welcomed a baby boy, Declan Joseph, born on September 14, 2006. • Sean and Maryanne (Knasas) Irwin recently returned to Boston after a year in West Palm Beach, FL. Sean has returned to teaching at BC High, while Maryanne returned to Tufts Dental School to pursue a specialty in endodontics. • **Michael Scialabba** married Allison Ecker in West Orange, NJ, on November 26, 2006. BC alumni in attendance were **Jessica (Egidio) Mullevey**, **Samantha (Steel) White**, **Ryan Van Geons**, **Seth Robbins**, **Fred and Daniela (Grande) Cardone**, **Chris Curran**, **Sam Gilbert**, **Mark Digregorio**, **Sean and Maryanne (Knasas) Irwin**, and **Dane Hutchinson** '97. Fr. McGowen, SJ, of Boston College married the couple. • **Susan Maloney** married Phil Murray on June 10, 2006, at St. Joseph's Church in Wakefield. Kelly Milloy '98 and **Regina Malhotra** were two of the bridesmaids. Michael Regan '98 and Christopher Guthrie MBA '06 were two of the grooms-men. **Kim (Lam) Regan** and **Lori (Nehls) Nickerson** were also part of the wedding ceremony. Other BC alumni in attendance included **Kim Alemian**, **Anne Carabillo** '98, **Corin (Murphy) Gigler**, **Jon and Erin (Quinn) Graziano**, **Greg '97 and Andrea (Ettore) Hampton**, **Marty Kestler** '94, **Chris '98 and Karen (Villazor) Martin**, **Sarah (Northrup) Morrissey** '00, **Janet (Metzger) Taylor**, and **Tara Winstanley**. Sue and Phil honeymooned in Aruba and currently live in South Boston. • With the new year, Emily

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the penname Lee Wellman. The book details the struggle he went through roughly two years ago fighting anxiety, panic, and depression. He wrote the book to help others overcome the disorder as he did. For more information, visit www.leewellman.com. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/1997 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

1998

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Autumn (Davis) Moran and her husband, Chris, welcomed daughter Ailish Grace in August. • **Jose and Marissa (Lopez) Bisbe** had their first child, daughter Talia Anne, on July 1, 2006. Marissa graduated from the University of New England Medical School in June and started as an anesthesia intern in September. • **Chris and Cheryl (Sandison) Titley** welcomed their first child, Jack Charles, on July 31, 2006. • **Kristi Dailey** and Jay Boyer '99 were married on August 5, 2006, at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston, MA. Carrie (Cunniff) Cleary and Christine (Torchen) Farkas were bridesmaids. Others in attendance were Val (Pellegrini) Clark, Kelly Welch, Liz Monaghan, Meghan Watson, Lisa (Cancilla) McCormack, Leanne (Little) Aguirre, Kate (Cunningham) Rogers, Maureen Maloney, Alison Dwan '99, and Autumn (Davis) Moran. • **Kate Cunningham** married Hart Rogers

were married in Osterville on June 3, 2006. Guests included Meghan Watson, Lisa (Cancilla) McCormack, Carrie (Cunniff) Cleary, Chrissy (Torchen) Farkas, Kristi (Dailey) Boyer, Kelly Welch, Maureen Maloney, Val (Pellegrini) Clark, and Kate (Cunningham) Rogers. • After meeting in South Beach and dating for seven years, **Carolyn Klemballa** was married to LaMar Medler on August 5, 2006, in East Hanover, NJ. BC alums as bridesmaids included sister Tricia (Klemballa) Marino '01, **Izabela Sacheck**, **Tricia Pompilio**, and **Jennifer (Hart) Gaspar**. Nicholas Marino '00 was a groomsman. Also in attendance were **Cecily (Quackenbush) Charsky**, **Elizabeth (Tobey) Cahill**, and **Vince Savarese**. Carolyn recently received her EdD from Seton Hall University. • **Andy and Tricia (Campbell) Bailey** had a daughter, Eleanor Grace, on July 13, 2006. • **Laura Walsh** married Mike Giesecke on November 12, 2006, in Chicago. **Abby (Murphy) Selter**, **Maura Galligan**, and **Amy (Williamson) Welnicki** were bridesmaids, and in attendance were **Alex Shea**, **Christy (MacDonald) Pandekakes**, and **Kate Carney**. Laura is a technology integration coach for the University of Chicago Charter Schools, and Mike is a strategic marketing manager at GE Commercial Finance. They are planning to move to Milwaukee. • **Michael Pagan** welcomed a son, Michael Raul Pagan Jr., on July 27, 2006.

1999

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and I hope to hear more updates from all of you. Please keep them coming, or just shoot us an e-mail to say hey. We look forward to keeping track of your achievements and updates.

2000

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Happy new year, Class of 2000! • **Christian Dieckmann** received his MBA from the Wharton School and a master's in international studies from the Lauder Institute at the University of Pennsylvania. Christian works as a management consultant for Bain & Company in Los Angeles. • **Elizabeth Turchyn** graduated from Fordham University School of Law and has passed the bar exam. • **Shannon Tyree**, a vice president at W.P. Stewart, is pursuing her Executive MBA at Columbia University. • **Jennifer Rubino**, a vice president at JPMorgan, married Fiqri Dine in October 2005. They reside in New York City. • On November 12, 2006, **Cal Bouchard** was inducted into the Varsity Club Hall of Fame for her talented basketball and academic career at BC. • **Erick Hunt** married Simona Simmons in Buffalo, NY, on August 12, 2006. They reside in Niskayuna, NY, and work at the US Department of Veterans Affairs in Albany.

ington, DC. • **Jennifer Kolloff** was married to Kenneth Allison in New York on September 9, 2006. They currently reside in Stamford, CT. • **Rebecca Ratner** married Michael Keszkowski on October 7, 2006, on Long Island. Rebecca is director of integrated marketing at Spike TV. The couple lives in Hoboken, NJ. • **Jessica Conway** married Ford Church on October 21, 2006, in Michigan. They now live in Denver, where Jessica is a nurse practitioner in pediatric cardiology. • **Neil Hourihan** married Christine Potanka in Old Saybrook, CT. The newlyweds reside in New York City. • **Andrew and Helene Norton Russell** welcomed their first child, David Norton Russell, on April 19, 2006. The family resides in Allston. • **Ryan and Jennifer Butterworth Debin** welcomed Reaves Ryan, their first child, on November 8, 2006. The family lives in Wellesley. • Thanks for sharing all of the wonderful news!

2001

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Happy new year, Class of 2001! I recently returned from a trip to India, amazed at the people, the sights, and the warmth of my family over there. • **Lorraine Campozano JD '04**, a new associate at the Boston law firm of Cornell & Gollub

I recently returned from a trip to India, amazed at the people, the sights, and the warmth of my family over there.

• **Nicole Capuano** was married to Jonathan Ball on August 19, 2006, in West Orange, NJ. They live in New York City. • **Martin Foncello** married Nicole Dyer on August 19, 2006, in Gresham, OR. They currently live in Newark, NJ. Martin is an assistant district attorney with the New York County District Attorney's Office in New York City. • **Lauren Irwin and Kevin Collins** were married on September 2, 2006, in Brighton. Kevin is an attorney with Gordon & Rees, LLP, and Lauren is the director of college counseling at a prep school for boys. The couple resides in San Francisco. • **Paul Cornoni and Vanessa Grace** were married on September 9, 2006, in Cape May, NJ. The couple lives in Wash-

updates us: **Vanessa Rodrigues** was married to Hillroy Samuels on August 5, 2006, in Canton. Rev. Walters presided over the ceremony. In attendance were Lorraine, who read the toast for the bride, and **Colette Prosper**. Vanessa's sister Oriana Rodrigues '06 was maid of honor. • **Marielys Divanne-Pichardo '98** and her husband, Sherwin, baptized their son, Sean Enrique, in April at Our Lady of Lourdes in New York. Congratulations all around! • **Jared Fields** proudly announces the birth of his son, Clayton. Clayton joined Jared and his wife, Tina, on August 29, 2006, in Salt Lake City. Congrats! • **Michael A. Travalini** sends word that he and his Class of 2001 sweet-

heart, **Joanna L. Rubin**, whom he met his sophomore year, were married on July 21, 2006, in New York City. Best wishes to both! • **Jessi Tamayo** was married to Jonathan Hill in Miami. Alums in attendance were **Natalie Esposito**, **Meredith Quick**, **Kristin Reagan**, **Chris Iacoi**, **Mary-Kate Meyer**, **Janet Gallagher**, **Gretchen Cooper**, Fernando Tamayo '03, Kofi Sarkodie Mensah '03, and Matt O'Donnell '04. Congrats, Jessi! • **Carrie Levitt** and **Frank Klemovitch** were married on May 28, 2006, in St. James, NY. In attendance were over 20 BC alums, including best man **Paul Spelman**, matron of honor **Sandi (Birkeland) Kanne**, and bridesmaid **Leslie (DeSantis) Schaffer**. Other members of the bridal party included **Andrea (Heimanson) Harrison**, **Kara (Saldarini) Spelman**, and **Ryan Levitt '04**. Also in attendance were Jorge and **Erica (Pfiffer) Highland**, **Dan Reed**, **Michael Teevan**, **John Amara**, **Robert Reardon**, **Richard Salerno**, **Kellie Dyer**, **Patrick Venanzi**, **Emily Venanzi '99**, **Karen Carpi '06**, **Jeffrey Kuntz '03**, **Michael Watkins '02**, **Christopher Mullen '04**, **Michael Petit '05**, and **Herb Harrison '99**. • **Jaclyn "Jackie" Leung** and **Joel Quintong MA '03** were married on October 7, 2006, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Fairfield, CT. There were twenty BC alumni in attendance including Jackie's bridesmaids **Judy Pisnanont '00** and **Jeanette (Dieu) Pae** and groomsman **Edward Vallejo '03**. • Please keep us updated about the good news of promotions, marriages, babies, travel, and education on the BC Online Community. The Class of 2001 looks forward to hearing from you!

2002 REUNION: JUNE 1–3

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It has been so wonderful to see classmates at our recent events. I hope those who attended enjoyed both the wine-tasting and our bar event at the Bell in Hand. We look forward to seeing many more of you at upcoming reunion events. • Congratulations to **Daetwan Williams**, who graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine and started his internship at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. He will start his residency later this year. • Congratulations to **Nicollette**

Reilly and Peter Disch, who married on September 16, 2006. The ceremony was held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul in Providence, RI. The couple honeymooned in Moorea, Bora-Bora, and Taha'a in the French Polynesia. They reside in

Mark LeFave, Lisa Ciabattoni, Ann (Mancuso) McNamee, Brian Fleming, Kathryn Grosch '03, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Jeff McPartlan, and Courtney Katsur. The couple resides in Great Neck, NY. Kerrie is a manager at Ernst & Young in New York City.

Ali primarily works with sterling silver, gemstones (she has a weakness for rose quartz and amethyst), Swarovski crystals, and glass.

South Boston. In attendance were best man Ellis Disch '00, JD '05, and bridesmaid Lindsay Prendergast. Patrick Hurley, MJ Colgan, and Evan Pepe served as groomsmen. Also in attendance were Kathy Tucker, Ronan Kennedy, Anna Geraty, Mollie Roan, Caroline Tracy, Wayne Coury, Justin Galletti, Jake Sifers, Dennis O'Connor, Kim Haydon, Kaitlin Carey, Rory O'Halloran, Andy Merrill, Chris Parlee, Trevor Swanberg, Gina De Stefano Swanberg '03, Bob Verdier, Matt Walker, Mike Kredel, Katie Puzo, and Nicolle's father, Tom Reilly '76. For a full list of BC folks in attendance, go to Class Notes Online. • Congratulations to Christine Bonavita and Jeff Carman, who were married on July 15, 2006, in Westfield, NJ. In attendance were Jean Luciano '97, Carrie (Luciano) Farrell '99, Mike Farrell '99, Ryan Baker, Suzie Carrazza, Anna Coward, Lauren Crocco, Matt DePasquale, Rachel Dunleavy, Katie Garvey, Rob Kinlin, Mike Kopech, Eddie Mullins, Katie O'Brien, Chad Quinn, Melissa Senz, Casey Stanley, Amy Vautour, Katie (Joyce) Walsh, Karin Wissmann, and Siobhan Kinlin '05. Christine teaches first grade, and Jeff is a CPA at Merrill Lynch. They reside in Hoboken, NJ. • Kerrie Sorrentino and James Cadigan were married on September 22, 2006, in Williston Park, NY. In the wedding party were Michelle Romano and Michael Molloy. In attendance were Julie DeSimone, Laura Kearns,

• Meghan Jenkins married Michael Shehorn on August 5, 2006, in Cleveland. Bridesmaids included Liz Borge, Kirsten (Lebo) Talusan, and Julie Bott. The groomsmen included Charles Wilson and Eric Jacocks. In attendance were Meg Bissett, Kate O'Dea, Max Frause, Erik Tuvey, Brian Decaro, Paul Talusan '01, and Meredith McLaughlin '03. The couple lives in Chicago, where Mike is a business specialist at Topco Associates, and Meghan is pursuing her MBA at the University of Chicago. • To contribute to our class gift, please visit www.bc.edu/classes/2002 or call 888-752-6438 to learn how to make a gift for our reunion this year.

2003

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Jonathan and Lisa Stone Hardt of Yardley, PA, proudly announce the birth of their son, Garrett Marshall, born on July 11, 2006. • On July 15, 2006, Cara Halpern and Andrew Goldberg '04 were married. The bridal party included Kim Carlson, Celine Fua, Maura Mahady Potter, Katie O'Hara, Craig Goldberg '06, and Tom Hardej. Congratulations to the happy couple! • Keith Hemmings graduated from the FOX News Apprentice

Program in a ceremony on September 27, 2006. The apprentice program is a merit-based program in which apprentices are trained in various departments ranging from technical production to on-air booking. Keith is now working in a full-time staff position at FOX News. • Ali Shenk is a designer of fine jewelry who is gaining momentum in the Boston area. Her designs of necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and rings are inspired by nature, childhood memories, and loved ones. Ali primarily works with sterling silver, gemstones (she has a weakness for rose quartz and amethyst), Swarovski crystals, and glass. Her full collection can be viewed at www.alishenk.com. • Please keep me posted on any and all announcements. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a very happy new year!

2004

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Barry Hunte has been promoted to senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers, less than one year after completing and passing his CPA exams. Barry plans to focus his career on public accounting. • Nina Detwiler is a professional search consultant at Solomon EdwardsGroup, a professional services firm specializing in accounting and finance. Nina previously worked as an audit associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers. • Patrick Grucela and Amy Morrow were married on August 4, 2006, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Doylestown, PA. Members of the class in attendance included Jessica Seaver, Adam Thompson, Michael Early, James Smith, Meaghan Caulfield, Mary Hunt, Emilie Winterton, Ryan Duffy, Ellen (Burke) Duffy, Patrick Grady, Matthew Capstick, Mitchell Fraas, John McInnes, Michael Dailley, and Scott Winter. The couple resides in the Boston area. Amy is a client consulting manager at TechTarget in Needham. Patrick is a history teacher, varsity baseball coach, and junior varsity basketball coach at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School.

2005

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Stephanie Iannucci is finishing up her master's degree in health technology at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. • Margaret Larsen married Sander Mathews (US Navy) this past summer. Classmate Jeff Rosa served as best man. Margaret and Sander currently live in Norfolk, VA, where Margaret recently began working on her master's degree in speech and language pathology at Old Dominion University.

2006

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BC 2006 graduates are now more than six months into the challenging but inspiring work of sharing their knowledge with the world. The Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC) is a two-year volunteer service program of outstanding recent college graduates who energize inner-city parochial schools in Chicago as classroom teachers. ICTC members include Eamonn Kelly, who teaches sixth grade at the Academy of St. Benedict the African; Maggie Kilcoyne, who teaches eighth grade at Our Lady of the Westside School; Libby Merrill, who teaches fifth-grade students at Nativity BVM; Susan Preston, who teaches kindergarten students at Our Lady of the Gardens School; and Tabitha Rosien, who is a second-grade teacher at St. Malachy School. • Patrick Kane has made a two-year commitment to the Peace Corps. He departed for Kiribati in September and will work as a health and community volunteer. • The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts selected Stephanie O'Neill for a prestigious internship program last fall as part of its Institute for Arts Management. The Kennedy Center is the nation's largest performing arts facility. • Joe Sabia recently began a position as a writer-producer for HBO in California, following his active role in the hit series *The BC*. • Best wishes to all for a happy new year!

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Robert Gerardi DEd '80 is serving his 52nd year in education as a student teacher supervisor for his undergraduate alma mater, Rowan University. Bob spent most of his career as a Superintendent of Schools in various states and Associate Commissioner of Education for the State of Maine. • Nadia Smith PhD '03 has just published *A "Manly Study"? Irish Women Historians, 1868-1949* (Palgrave, 2006).

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Rev. Paul R. Taylor, OSB PhD '98 has been named vice president for institutional advancement at Saint Vincent College. Fr. Paul had served as the associate vice president of institutional advancement since 2002 and prior to that was the director and dean of admission and financial aid at the college. In his new role, he will be responsible for fund-raising and for the long-range planning and management of the departments of alumni relations, foundation and

government grant seeking, planned giving, prospect management, and the annual fund and phonathon. • Theodore Walls PhD '02, an assistant professor of behavioral science at the University of Rhode Island, has received an award from the American Cancer Society to help increase understanding of the processes underlying addiction, particularly smoking. Theodore is the editor of a recent book on statistical models for intensive longitudinal models. Prior to his appointment at URI, he was a research scientist at the Yale University School of Medicine and a post-doctoral fellow at the Methodology Center at Penn State University.

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Jane Sheehan Smith '64 sent me a note on October 11, 2006, to inform me that Mary Short Finneran's '64 husband, John Finneran, died on September 17, 2006. John was retired from the Boston Fire Department as a captain. Together they had a family of nine children and were the "epitome of a good Catholic family." Condolences are extended to Mary and to her family during this time of sorrow and loss. • Jane also informs me that she and her husband, Bill, built a retirement home on a lake in Gettysburg, PA, a few years ago. They keep busy with many church and community activities. Congratulations to Jane and Bill for being elected to the county Republican committee in the last election. • Georgette and Maurice Hebert '55 of Bedford, NH, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 28, 2006. The celebration took place at the Siena Hotel and Casino overlooking the Truckee River in Reno. The entire immediate family came from the four corners of the United States to celebrate this very special event. The Heberts have been blessed with three children—Susan, Russell, and Raymond—as well as eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Maurice is a Double Eagle, as he has a BA in business administration and an MA in economics from BC. Maurice and Georgette are active members of St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Bedford, and they have traveled throughout Europe, Africa, and Asia, and most recently to Russia for a grandson's wedding. • Please write me if you have any news. I wish all of you a very happy, healthy, and holy 2007.

OBITUARIES

1930S

Charles A. Iarobino '37 of Bethesda, MD, on October 12, 2006. He is survived by two children.

Frances Patrice Kelleher, SCH '35, MA '42 of Wellesley on October 17, 2006.

1940S

Francis X. Ahearn '40, JD '43 of Falmouth on December 12, 2006. Former president of the Boston City Council, he is survived by his wife and two sons.

John J. Brennan Jr. '49, MEd '52 of West Roxbury on December 6, 2006. A retired pupil adjustment counselor in the Boston Public Schools, he was also a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He is survived by his son, daughter, grandsons, sister, and nieces and nephews.

Rev. John R. Crispo '46 of Burlington on October 20, 2006. Former pastor at St. Margaret's Church in Burlington, he is survived by eight siblings.

P. Albert Duhamel MA '42 of Bedford on October 1, 2006. A former professor of English at Boston College, he is survived by his wife and daughter.

Thomas J. Fleming, SJ, MEd '46, professor of political science, executive assistant to the president, financial vice president, and treasurer of Boston College from 1947 to 1995, on November 22, 2006, at age 93. He is survived by a brother, Jeff, and a sister, Ann Higgins.

William G. Guindon, SJ '42, MA '43 of Weston on October 4, 2006. A former provincial of the New England Society of Jesus, he is survived by members of his Jesuit community.

Richard J. Hassey '45 of Hingham on October 31, 2006. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Daniel J. Hayes Jr. '49 of Cambridge on September 12, 2006. A former grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, he was the owner of Hayes Oil Company in Cambridge for 55 years. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Edward F. Kenney '43 of Braintree on October 25, 2006. A retired executive of the Boston Red Sox, he also was a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Joseph M. Manzo '41 of Medford on October 15, 2006. A US Army veteran of World War II, he is a member of the Boston College Athletic Hall of Fame. He is survived by a brother as well as nieces and nephews.

Matthew L. McGrath '44, JD '49 of West Roxbury on October 15, 2006. A retired attorney, he is survived by a son.

Austin T. McNamara '42 of Wolfeboro, NH, on November 29, 2006. A World War II Navy lieutenant and communicant of St. Katharine Drexel Church in Alton, he also owned two McDonald's restaurants in Philadelphia for many years and was vice-president of a Howard Johnson's. He is survived by his son, two daughters, two brothers, four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Robert A. Patenaude '49 of Augusta, ME, on October 7, 2006. A recipient of the Bronze Star for his service as a member of the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troops during World War II, he is survived by his wife and two children.

1950S

William S. Bannon '55 of Manchester, NH, on October 7, 2006. A veteran of World War II, he retired as a manager at New England Telephone after 40 years of service. He is survived by five daughters and five sons.

Richard D. Barry '51 of Rockaway, NJ, on October 29, 2006. Formerly of Mendham, NJ, he is survived by six children.

Paul W. Bernier '55 of Crestwood, MO, on October 11, 2006. He was an active member of the St. Louis Chapter of the BC Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Stasia Kowalski Bishop '52 of Middletown, CT, on October 6, 2006. A registered nurse, she served with the US Army during World War II. She is survived by her husband, five sons, and three daughters.

Robert R. Bryant '51 of Arlington on October 8, 2006. He retired as executive vice president of Stone & Webster Engineering Corp. after 42 years of service. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Joseph A. Callanan '58 of Concord, NH, on September 24, 2006. A former seminarian,

he was a US Army veteran of the Korean War and former director of data processing for the State of New Hampshire. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Anthony G. Catanese '54 of East Weymouth on November 1, 2006. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he is survived by three children.

William F. Charron '58, MBA '72 of Dorchester on December 9, 2006. Past president of the Rockland Golf Association and a member of the Hole-In-One Club, he is survived by his wife, daughter, and grandsons.

John J. Collins Jr. '50 of Long Valley, NJ, on December 10, 2006.

James B. Condon '50 of South Easton on November 4, 2006. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Joseph M. Cribben Jr. '53 of Falls Church, VA, on October 2, 2006. The former political director of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters, he is survived by two sons.

Paul E. Cronin '54 of Framingham on October 16, 2006. A retired metallurgical engineer, he is survived by his wife and three children.

Patricia Ritchie Danforth '57 of Portsmouth, NH, on September 16, 2006.

Robert V. Dooley MEd '54 of East Falmouth on October 2, 2006. A World War II Navy veteran, he was a dedicated teacher who taught for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Ann M. Drennan MSW '51 of Enfield, CT, on December 15, 2006. A social worker and assistant director of field education at Springfield College, she is survived by a son, a daughter, and 12 grandchildren.

Edward M. Dugan '53 of Palm Coast, FL, on December 3, 2006. A World War II veteran, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Boston College Alumni Association, the China-Burma-India Hump Pilots Association, and the St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Church. He is survived by his wife, 9 children, 13 grandchildren, 3 brothers, and a sister.

William J. Duggan '53, MBA '71 of Arlington on September 28, 2006. A Navy veteran of the Korean War, he was the late comptroller of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Joseph J. Fallo '59 of Naples, FL, on October 3, 2006. Formerly of Waltham, he was a retired teacher. He is survived by his wife and son.

Eleanor Murphy Fay '53 of Fernandina, FL, on August 5, 2006.

John A. Fitzgerald '50 of Ft. Myers, FL, on September 30, 2006. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Barbara Brooks Flory '55 of Salem on October 12, 2006. Born in Boston, she is survived by her husband.

Catherine Foley, CSJ MA '54 of Framingham on October 18, 2006. A member of the Sisters of St. Joseph for 78 years, she was a former principal at several Catholic schools in the Boston metropolitan area.

James P. Foley '51, MA '53 of Scituate on November 16, 2006. A US Navy veteran of the Korean War, he was a retired assistant treasurer of Boston Edison Company. He is survived by his two children.

Alan H. Foster '51 of Ann Arbor, MI, on October 18, 2006. A senior financial executive and university professor, he is survived by his wife and two children.

John M. Geraci '59 of Coventry, RI, on December 8, 2006. The founder of Thrifty Car Rental in Warwick, RI, he was involved with various organizations, such as PARI and Shake-A-Leg. A paraplegic, he donated his time to counsel newly injured people. He is survived by his former wife, brother, sister, and two sons.

Edward E. Hanlon Jr. '53 of Duxbury on December 6, 2006. The late owner of Hanlon Men's Shoes and an officer in the Marine Corps, he is survived by his wife, five children, and five siblings.

Leo B. Hart '54 of Atlanta, GA, on November 9, 2006. Born in Dorchester, he was a resident of Atlanta for 40 years. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Kevin W. Hayes '59 of Chicago, IL, on December 14, 2006. A recently retired general manager of Cameo Container Co., he is survived by his wife, brother, four sons and daughters, grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Paul R. Hayes '54 of Beaufort, SC, on October 16, 2006. An employee of General Electric for 20 years, he is survived by two daughters.

Thomas A. Hughes '59 of Norfolk on October 4, 2006. A teacher in the Brockton public school system for 37 years, he is survived by three sons.

Alice Husson, RSCJ MA '51, PhD '63 of Albany, NY, on September 27, 2006. A lifelong educator, she was a teacher and administrator for many years at the Newton

Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. She also taught in Sacred Heart schools in Maryland, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania.

John J. Kelleher '59 of Brockton on July 27, 2006.

Thomas F. Kelley '56, MEd '61 of West Bridgewater on November 2, 2006.

Robert F. Lucy '50 of Andover on October 24, 2006. A senior engineer, he was a highly decorated World War II veteran of the Army's Signal Company and the holder of numerous patents. He is survived by his wife and four children.

William J. Maguire Jr. '58 of South Windsor, CT, on September 3, 2006. A former employee of Aetna Insurance Company and Burroughs Corporation, he was retired from the Traveler's Insurance Company. He was active in the South Windsor, CT, community as a member of the South Windsor Jaycees and the Democratic Town Committee. He also served as a justice of the peace. He is survived by his wife, three children, seven grandchildren, and a sister and brother.

John J. Mahoney JD '54 of Wayland on September 26, 2006. Formerly of Wellesley, he was a retired partner of Parker, Coulter, Daley and White of Boston. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Philip P. McGovern '55 of Winchester on October 20, 2006. A retired physician, he is survived by his wife and five children.

John J. Moynihan JD '59 of Worcester on December 7, 2006. A former first justice of the Worcester Probate and Family Court, he was the recipient of two honors by the St. Thomas More Society of Worcester. He was devoted to Holy Cross College, active in the Worcester County Bar Association, and a volunteer at the Nazareth Home for Boys. He is survived by three daughters, a sister, five grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Martin F. Mulry MEd '53 of Sandwich on December 2, 2006. A lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Corps, he served in the intelligence arena during World War II and later was a member of the Air Force Reserve. He was also an award-winning teacher of Latin in the Worcester school system. He is survived by a sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

Miles V. Murphy Jr. '52 of East Dennis on November 21, 2006. An executive in the insurance industry for many years, he is survived by his wife and two sons.

William E. Murray '59 of South Dennis on March 15, 2006.

Charles Lannon Niles Jr. '51 of Lansdale, PA, on December 19, 2006. He is survived

by four daughters, six grandchildren, and a sister.

Robert C. O'Brien '52 of Brookfield, CT, on December 2, 2006. An attorney, he was a graduate of the Officers Candidate School in Newport, RI, and a lieutenant in the US Navy. He is survived by a wife and four children, as well as a sister and two brothers.

Robert P. O'Connell '50 of Westwood on November 27, 2006. The founder of R.P. O'Connell Inc., he was a US Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife and six children

J. Norman O'Connor JD '53 of Adams on November 14, 2006. A longtime Northern Berkshire lawyer, he is survived by his wife and seven children.

James J. O'Leary '50 of Lynn on September 4, 2006.

Ellen Englert Ozga NC '51 of Washington, DC, on September 30, 2006. A retired real estate agent, she served breakfast every Monday to homeless people in Washington for 30 years. She is survived by her husband and four children.

Michael P. Papa '59 of Augusta, ME, on October 6, 2006. A Korean War veteran, he worked for 24 years for the Maine Department of Human Services. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Richard J. Pieri '58 of Holbrook on October 25, 2006.

Irene Gleichauf Robinson '51 of Martinez, CA, on October 11, 2006. She served in the US Army as an officer and a nurse during World War II. She is survived by her husband and five sons.

Louis Rotondi '51 of Bedford on September 8, 2006.

Albert J. Routhier '58 of Turner Falls on October 11, 2006. A high school teacher for over 20 years, he was ordained a permanent deacon in 1997. He is survived by his wife and three children.

John A. Ryan Jr. '50 of Providence, RI, on September 25, 2006. A former special agent with the Office of Naval Intelligence and later the Defense Investigative Service, he is survived by his wife.

Francis H. Savage '51 of Reading on November 7, 2006. A World War II Army veteran, he is survived by his wife and five children.

Cornelius F. Sheehan '53 of Milton on December 3, 2006. A former first lieutenant in the US Army, he was retired from the Massachusetts Department of Works. He is survived by his daughter, two siblings, three nieces, and a nephew.

Henry J. Smith '57 of Needham on October 11, 2006. A former employee of the Massachu-

setts State Treasurer's Office, he is survived by his wife and six children.

M.R. Spaulding '57 of Winterport, ME, on November 20, 2006. A former member of the Grey Nuns of Montreal, she was a former district deputy president for the Rebekah Assembly of Maine and musician for the Rebekah State Assembly. She was also an ardent supporter of the Salvation Army. She is survived by a nephew and several cousins.

Alice Marie Stueks '57 of Salem on December 20, 2006.

Richard J. Tobin '56, JD '62 of Stamford, CT, on September 1, 2006. A captain in the US Marine Corps, he was a Superior Court judge and member of the Connecticut and Florida Bar Associations. He was active in many charitable, civic, and social organizations in Stamford, including the Stamford Museum and Nature Center and the Stamford chapter of the American Red Cross. He is survived by his wife, sister, five children, and five grandchildren.

Lawrence H. Welch '52 of Waterbury, VT, on October 3, 2006. A retired consultant, he is survived by three children.

Paul B. Woods '52 of Chatham on November 17, 2006. A veteran of the US Marine Corps Air Wing, he worked in marketing for Ford Motor Company for over 40 years. He is survived by two sons.

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Patricia Jean Baker '60 of Williamsport, PA, on October 16, 2006. A member of the Grey Nuns, she held many positions in various hospitals before becoming director of the St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing in Toledo, OH. She is survived by a sister.

Msgr. Leo J. Battista MSW '61 of Shrewsbury on October 9, 2006. He spent the greater part of his ministry working at Catholic Charities and serving as pastor at a number of parishes.

James J. Buckley '61 of Arlington on October 27, 2006. A Navy veteran, he is survived by his wife and five children.

Michael E.B. Callahan '64 of Boston on November 30, 2006. He is survived by his brother, uncle, three nephews, and numerous cousins.

Richard T. Carmody MSW '62 of Satellite Beach, FL, on September 2, 2006. A social worker, he devoted his career to working with at-risk youth. He was a member of the National Association of Social Workers and member and one-time president of the

Ohio Probation and Parole Association. He is survived by his wife, four children, and five grandchildren.

Edward T. Donovan '63, MSW '70 of Milton on October 12, 2006. The former executive director of Old Colony Elderly Services in Brockton, he is survived by his wife and two daughters.

James E. Frederick '67 of Stoughton on September 26, 2006.

Francis A. Giovannangelo '67 of Belmont on October 5, 2006. He is survived by a brother and cousins.

Suzanne M. Henseler '64 of North Kingstown, RI, on September 24, 2006. An educator for nearly 30 years, she taught for more than 20 years at St. Rocco School in Johnston. She also was a Rhode Island state representative, serving as majority whip from 1992 to 2002. She is survived by her husband and three sons.

Francis P. Kennedy '62 of Tappahannock, VA, on October 5, 2006. After retiring from the Defense Intelligence Agency, he worked as a contractor at the Pentagon. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Thomas P. Lenane '62 of Franklin on November 8, 2006. A World War II Army veteran, he was a retired employee of the Boston Public Library. He is survived by two siblings.

Carole M. Martin '64 of Quincy on November 27, 2006. She is survived by her sister and many nieces and nephews.

Carolyn Zebrowski Matzal MSW '65 of Blairstown, NJ, on November 24, 2006. A social worker at Newton Memorial Hospital and group leader in the Stroke Support Group, she also sang with the Water Gap Singers. She is survived by her mother, two daughters, two sons, and nine grandchildren.

Margaret M. Murphy, SND MEd '66 of Somerville on October 20, 2006. A sister of Notre Dame de Namur, she served 62 years of religious life. Her assignments included ministries in Beverly, Brighton, Danvers, Roxbury, and Somerville.

James J. Ondzes '65 of Malden on November 14, 2006. Formerly of Cambridge, he is survived by his wife and two children.

John J. Schlueter '63 of Marblehead on September 29, 2006. Formerly of Duxbury, he was the former CEO and chairman of Knapp Shoes, Inc. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

Dorothy L. Sexton '60 of Milford, CT, on September 29, 2006. She initiated the Medical-Surgical Nursing Program at Yale University School of Nursing, where she was a member of the faculty for 32 years. She was the author of *Chronic*

Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: Care of the Child and Adult and wrote numerous textbook chapters and articles. She was also a volunteer patient educator for the American Lung Association. She is survived by several cousins.

Philip T. Sheerin MSW '65 of East Dennis on October 31, 2006. Born and raised in Worcester, he was a director for the United Way before retiring. He is survived by his wife.

Joan Hines Sokoll '61 of Glen Oaks, NY, on September 23, 2006.

Rosemary McDermott Tosca '60 of East Bridgewater on September 29, 2006.

Holly Christine Walsh MEd '63 of East Hartford, CT, on December 14, 2006. A retired teacher, she is survived by her brother and sister.

Richard T. White '68 of Portland, ME, on January 7, 2006.

Margaret E. Williams '62 of Haverhill on November 7, 2006. A longtime systems programmer for the US Navy at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, she is survived by three siblings.

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Patricia M. Alpers '72 of Medford on November 10, 2006.

Ruth E. Wight Caron MEd '79, CAES '88 of Andover on November 17, 2006. A learning resource specialist at the Pike School in Andover, she is survived by her mother, husband, and son.

John T. Chipman '71 of Norfolk on October 21, 2006. The late owner of John T. Chipman Co. of Norwood, he is survived by his wife and two children.

Robbie Lacritz Deitch MEd '74 of Weston on December 2, 2006. She is survived by her husband, mother, son, and sister.

Susan Ellen Donelan MA '79, PhD '97 of Wayland on October 1, 2006. The assistant dean for administration at BC's William F. Connell School of Nursing, she began her career at Bay State Junior College, where she was academic dean. She is survived by her husband and stepson.

Vincent H. Eagles '70 of Somerset on November 7, 2006. A former executive with the United Way, he is survived by his wife.

Placida G. Galdi MA '73 of Readville on October 18, 2006. A retired assistant principal in the Boston Public School System, she is survived by her husband and one daughter.

William P. Giffin '72 of Livingston, TX, on October 1, 2006.

Mary P. McCarthy Kelleher NC '70 of Wellesley Hills on October 18, 2006. A former advertising executive, she is survived by her husband and daughter.

Elaine Toomey Krueger NC '72 of Salem on October 20, 2006. A consultant to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, she is survived by her husband and three daughters.

Stephen A. Levine MBA '70 of Asheville, NC, on October 31, 2006. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, he was retired from the computer software industry. He is survived by two children.

Janet Marie McGilvray, RCE '71 of Hendersonville, NC, on October 29, 2006. She is survived by seven siblings.

Kildeen Eileen Moore NC '71 of Ridgewood, NJ, on October 19, 2006. A physician in a private internal medical practice, she is survived by her husband and two children.

Anna Myers MA '70 of Charlottesville, VA, on November 18, 2006. A former teacher at Pierce College in Athens, Greece, and at Pine Manor College in Brookline, she was also an active member of the League of Women Voters. She is survived by four children and six grandchildren.

Deirdre O'Callaghan '72 of Dedham on November 19, 2006.

Gerald A. Pageau '72 of Sun City, AZ, on December 3, 2006. A psychotherapist, he had a private practice and worked at Massachusetts General Hospital and for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services. He also taught English and health science in Malden and Chelsea. After moving to Arizona, he was employed by the US Postal Service and the Veterans Administration and worked as a social worker for the state. He is survived by his mother, four sisters, and two nieces.

Alger Ross '77 of South Boston on October 11, 2006.

Constance E. Skov MST '76 of Waldoboro, ME, on November 3, 2006. Co-owner of a working farm in Maine, she is survived by her husband and three sons.

Donna M. Traversi NC '75 of Concord on October 7, 2006. A learning disabilities specialist, she is survived by her husband and three children.

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Carol Ann Christian '84, MEd '87 of Norton on December 15, 2006. She is survived by her mother, three sisters, four brothers, and many nieces and nephews.

Peter Russell Gray '89 of Woburn on November 17, 2006.

Steven Lee '85 of Ketchum, ID, on October 16, 2006. Most recently the controller for Scott USA, he is survived by his son and parents.

Sally Edith Perlman MS '80 of Louisville, KY, on October 13, 2006. A fellow in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, she specialized in pediatric and adolescent gynecology. She was an associate professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and women's health and pediatrics and the director of the Division of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She is survived by her parents.

Melissie C. Rumizen '87 of Laurel, MD, on December 5, 2006. A former Russian and German linguist in the US Army and member of the National Security Agency, she was a published author and consultant. A leader in the field of knowledge management, she traveled to Asia, Africa, and Europe for speaking engagements and consulting projects. She is survived by her grandparents, parents, brothers, sister, and stepdaughter.

Larry S. Simon '88 of Staten Island, NY, on October 19, 2006. A former assistant district attorney for Staten Island, he is survived by his wife and daughter.

Katherine A. Taylor '83 of Shelton, CT, on November 5, 2006. A teacher for 20 years in the Shelton school system, she is survived by her husband and three children.

Dennis Richard Tedeschi '80 of Duxbury on December 4, 2006. He is survived by five brothers, a sister, and many nieces and nephews.

G. Michael Welch MEd '82 of Auburn, ME, on September 26, 2006. A lifelong educator, he served as an administrator at schools in Haverhill, Scituate, Weymouth, and Westborough. The principal of St. Dominic Regional High School in Lewiston, ME, he was instrumental in the construction of a new building for the school. He was the 2000 recipient of the Immaculate Conception Award, and Cardinal Sean O'Malley posthumously bestowed on him the title of Knight of the Holy Sepulcher.

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Mary Lou Connelly '91 of Brighton on October 16, 2006. A former employee of Verizon Communications, she is survived by her parents.

Jennifer Eigenmann MS '95 of Natick on November 10, 2006. A financial analyst, she is survived by her parents and husband.

Janet Lee Marble MSW '96 of Newton on November 28, 2006. The founder of the Keep Moving Program, which administers events for senior walking groups, she worked for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. She also owned a yoga studio and taught art in the Newton School systems. She is survived by her husband, son, and sister. **Ann T. Pilcher** '91 of Chelsea on November 9, 2006.

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Dyanne Benson MSW '06 of North Attleboro on November 22, 2006. A former retirement counselor at Texas Instruments and most recently a social worker at Arbour Fuller Hospital, she is survived by her husband, parents, two children, and two sisters. **Vanessa Peters** MEd '03 of Stoughton on September 29, 2006.

Timothy Wegner '06 of Duxbury on November 10, 2006. He is survived by his parents and two children.

FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

- **William Youngren**, professor of English from 1970 to 2001, on November 26, 2006, at age 75. He is survived by his wife Virginia, daughters Valerie and Erica, and son Austin Richards.
- **James H. Miller**, head football coach from 1962 to 1968, on October 16, 2006, at age 85. He is survived by sons Tim, Jeff, and Douglas.
- **Thomas F. Fleming, SJ**, professor of political science, executive assistant to the president, financial vice president, and treasurer of Boston College from 1947 to 1995, on November 22, 2006, at age 93. He is survived by a brother, Jeff, and a sister, Ann Higgins.

The obituary section is compiled from national listings and notices from family members and friends of alumni. The section includes only the deaths reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information to: Office of University Advancement, More Hall, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.

ADVANCEMENT

INVESTING IN BOSTON COLLEGE'S FUTURE

GOING FISSION

Fishing is an ancient discipline practiced for millennia for both survival and sport. Fission, a relatively new practice, is not as easily understood but certainly as popular—with scientists, at least. “I’d rather be fission,” the tagline under the e-mail signature of biology professor Charles Hoffman, suggests as much.

Fission refers to the kind of yeast that Hoffman uses in his research. It also describes his recent efforts to create a new method of drug development. In a lab in Higgins Hall, Hoffman and a team of four other scientists conduct enterprising research on single-celled fission yeast organisms. Their aim: to manipulate yeast cells to detect chemical compounds that could ultimately

be used as pharmaceuticals.

According to Hoffman, this new method of drug discovery could help produce treatments for asthma, inflammatory diseases, schizophrenia, and Alzheimer’s disease, among a host of other afflictions.

“Our research is predicated on two questions,” says Hoffman: “How does yeast respond to the best food in its environment—in this case, glucose—and how does it know when the food is there?”

To find the answers, Hoffman has used the adaptability of yeast to study a trait familiar to humans: its appetite for sweets. He sets up an experimental dinner table—replete with heapings of glucose molecules—and then watches the yeast feast. He next adds the



LEE PELLEGRINI

From left: Christina Allain, F. Douglas Ivey, Didem Demirbas, Lili Wang, Professor Charles Hoffman

step of genetically altering the yeast and screening it against a laundry list of compounds that may alter its chemical makeup.

Based on the results of his team’s work on drug development, Hoffman hopes to find new compounds that could improve people’s health.

“Completing that step

would enable us to follow up on leads and develop a whole range of other capabilities,” says Hoffman. “It would also be advantageous for BC, stimulating scientific research on campus, attracting top faculty and students, and showing that BC is a great place to do innovative work.”

AN INSPIRED INVESTMENT

John E. Buehler, Jr., hasn’t forgotten the sacrifices his parents made for him. The only child of a meat cutter and switchboard operator, Buehler grew up in a two-bedroom house in Syracuse, New York, sharing a room with his maternal grandmother. When he was admitted to Boston College, his parents were determined to find a way to afford the tuition.

“They scrimped and saved so that I could go to BC,” says Buehler, who graduated in 1969 and is now a managing partner at Energy Investors Funds Group (EIF), a private-

equity firm based in California.

His parents’ struggle coupled with the role that BC has played in his life inspired Buehler to make a \$1 million gift to BC. The bulk of the gift will establish the Mr. and Mrs. John E. Buehler, Sr., Scholarship Fund, a financial aid fund for undergraduates in the College of Arts and Sciences named in honor of Buehler’s parents.

“I had a tremendous experience at BC. It opened up my horizons,” says Buehler. “This school has played a seminal role in my life.”

After college, Buehler spent

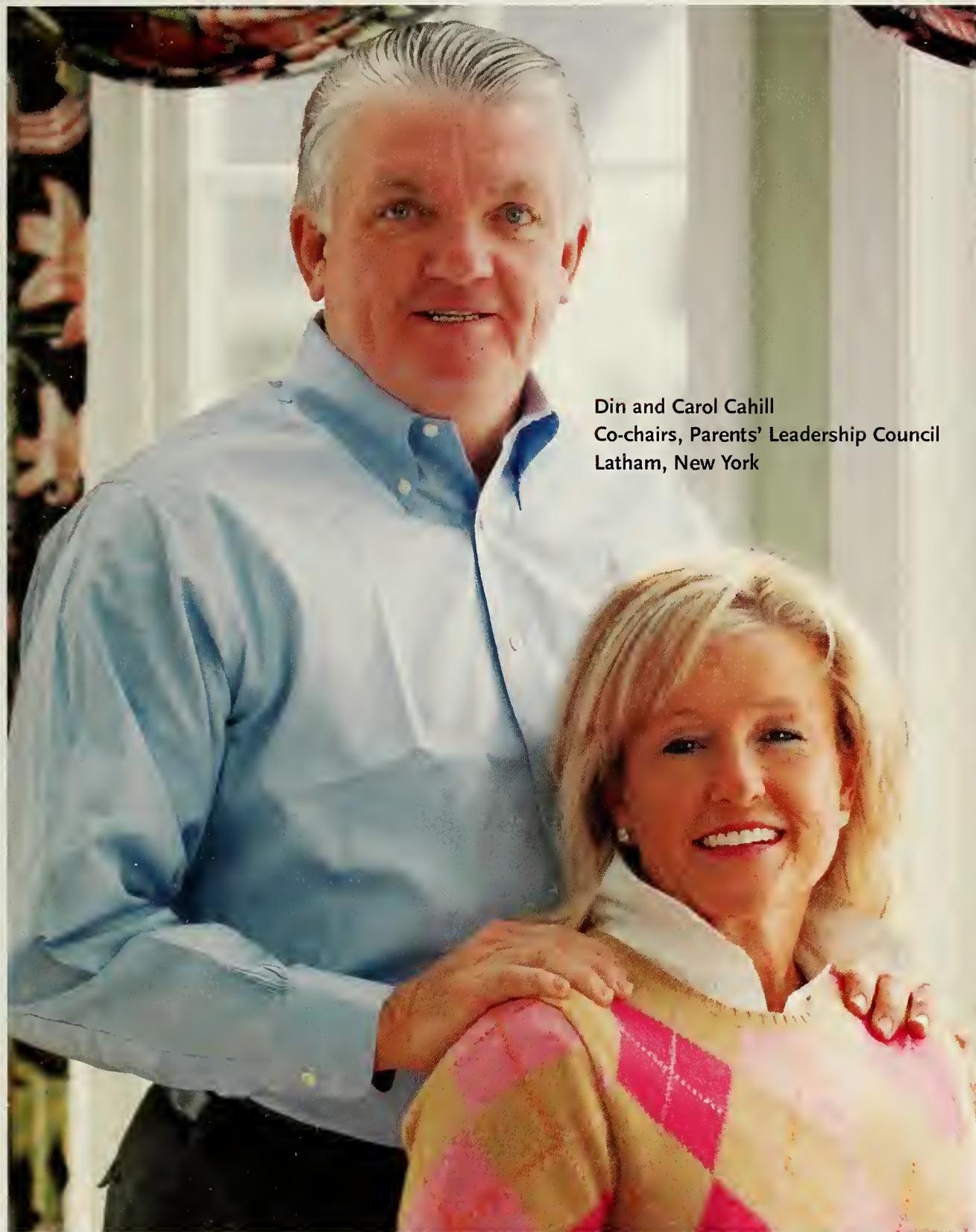
four years in the Navy before returning to study English and attend Suffolk University Law School. After practicing with a Boston law firm for three years, Buehler served as associate counsel in the Investment Law Division of John Hancock. When the opportunity arose in 1989 to start a private-equity fund, he didn’t hesitate. “I never considered myself a businessperson, but I knew enough to see a growth opportunity.”

The fact that Boston College today is a truly international university and attracts top students and faculty makes



John E. Buehler, Jr. '69

Buehler proud. “My parents encouraged me to help others if I was ever in a position to do so. BC transforms the kids it educates. It’s a privilege to be able to give back.”



Din and Carol Cahill
Co-chairs, Parents' Leadership Council
Latham, New York

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OR EXPERIENCES AT BC?

One of the nicest things we've experienced is being part of the Boston College family. Though we are BC parents, neither of us is a graduate of the University; yet we have a strong connection. We've met so many people through the First Year Experience office, the athletics department, and the Parents' Leadership Council. We've had wonderful times at Parents' Weekend. We're impressed by the way faculty reach out and treat the students like a part of the BC family, too.

WHY DO YOU CHOOSE TO SUPPORT BC?

We give to Boston College for a few reasons: It's a tremendous school and a wonderful environment for any kid, and our two children have had great experiences here. BC truly educates the whole person. It's not just about what happens in the classroom; there's emphasis on service to others. We were struck by something that Fr. Jack Butler said this year at Parents' Weekend: BC encourages its students to go out and make a difference. There are so many kids at BC who are capable of having an impact on the world, not just from a financial standpoint, but from a standpoint of giving back to the community. If we can help them get there, we want to do it.

Visit www.bc.edu/friends/cahill for more of the Cahill's story.

DID YOU KNOW... .

Despite its rise in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings to 34th among American universities, Boston College sits much farther down on the list in terms of its financial resources for supporting students and faculty, compared to its peer institutions.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES RANK

Measures spending per student on instruction, research, student services, and related items

Duke	12
Brown	27
Georgetown	34
Tufts	37
Notre Dame	39
Boston College	70

FACULTY RESOURCES RANK

Based on class size, salaries, student-faculty ratio, proportion of faculty who are full-time, and other comparable data

Duke	4
Brown	18
Tufts	22
Notre Dame	23
Georgetown	40
Boston College	72

All data is per *U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2007."*

SECOND EMOTIONS

by William Bole

The invention of love and other feelings

Briefing a research group from the U.S. military recently, Boston College psychology professor Lisa Feldman Barrett held up two photographs: one of Vice President Dick Cheney with his lip curled, and the other of 2004 Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean, his face livid. Barrett asked the 50 researchers, mostly civilians, what they thought the two men were feeling, and the consensus was that Cheney seemed contemptuous and Dean looked angry.

On both counts, the assumptions were dicey. Barrett pointed out that in some cases, a lip curl has less to do with state of mind than with a person's facial muscle tone. Dean, for his part, was probably feeling energized, rather than angry, as became evident when Barrett displayed the entire image—the Democratic candidate with an audience of cheering supporters.

The researchers were reflecting standard wisdom: that we all recognize an emotion such as anger or sadness when we see it in someone's face or gestures. Barrett believes otherwise—that we often misread how others feel, because human feelings are far more basic than the roster of emotions referenced by psychologists and poets.

That the conventional view could be faulty is of interest to the U.S. Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, the group briefed by Barrett at the National Academy of Sciences, in Washington. "If you're a soldier in Iraq, and you open a door," says Barrett, you want to be able to tell whether the person you face is angry or afraid—and to know how far to trust what you think you know.

Barrett's views are breeding "a good deal of agitation" among researchers, according to Gerald Clore, a University of Virginia psychologist who admires her work. In the conventional scientific view, emotions are distinct, with firm boundaries around them, and they are hardwired into the brain or body: A scowl will signal anger, which is an emotion branded in human nature, innately recognizable to other humans. However, it remains a "dirty little secret" of emotions research that little of this bears out, Barrett says. Clinical experiments that have looked to link particular emotions to physi-

cal manifestations, including changes in the peripheral nervous system, have yielded weak or inconclusive results. Likewise, scientists using imaging technology have searched without success for parts of the brain that might house emotions, Barrett says.

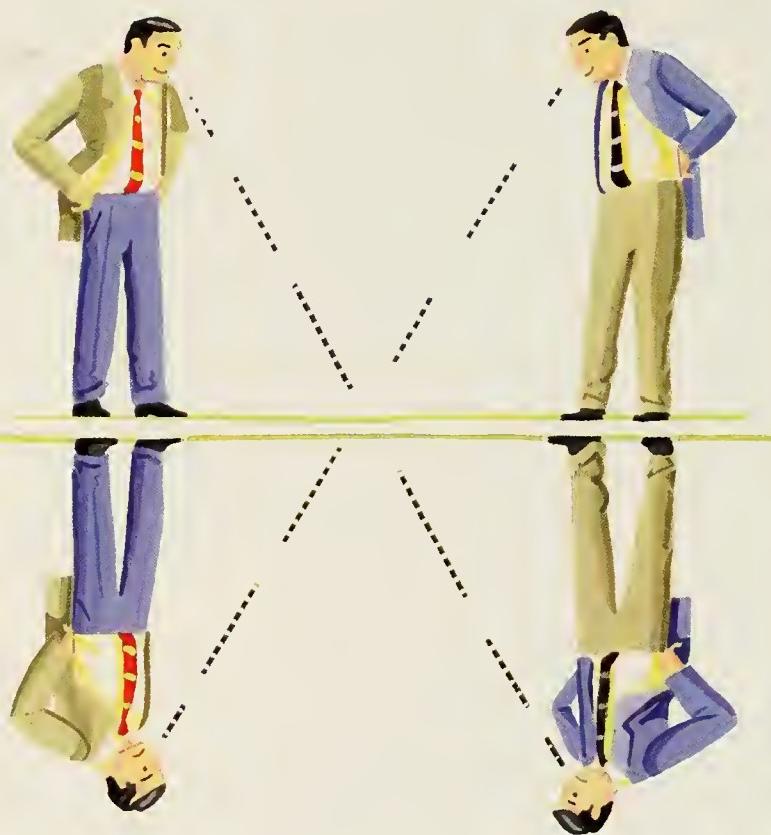
Barrett doesn't doubt that people have deep feelings, which they name. What she questions is "the idea that there are bounded and distinct kinds of emotion," and that these feelings "constitute the building blocks of emotional life," as she wrote in a paper published last year in *Perspectives on Psychological Science*.

Barrett is advancing her critique with nine research projects under way in her McGuinn Hall laboratory. In one study, subjects listen to music that sounds unpleasant—not dark, or sad, just adverse. In response, their feelings about the music are simply negative, not articulated as a specific emotion. That is, unless (through laboratory techniques) the subjects have been primed with the concept of an emotion like fear and induced into such a mood. In that case, the music evokes fear.

This research illustrates Barrett's theory that emotions are a human invention. Hardwired in the brain, she suspects, is a primitive dimension—what she calls "affect," a spectrum of feelings from pleasant to unpleasant, from positive to negative. Basically, human beings con-

trive distinct emotions from this primordial field as it is stirred by specific events in their lives.

Virginia's Clore says one implication of Barrett's research is that there are an "infinite number of emotions, limited only by the kinds of situations [stimuli] that can be good or bad in some way," a possibility broached in 1890 by pioneering psychologist-philosopher William James (whose name graces a prestigious annual lecture sponsored by the Association for Psychological Science and delivered last October by Barrett). Clore likens Barrett's studies to those in the 1960s by the noted psychologist Walter Mischel, who discomfited many colleagues with his finding that personality is not constant but varies by situation. According to Clore, Barrett's work could have a similarly "upsetting but ultimately cleansing effect" on the study of emotions.





Kawar, in his embassy office

Middleman

by Cara Feinberg

Karim Kawar '87, former ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States

For four years, Karim Kawar's office—modest, white-walled, decorated with family photographs, a flat-screen TV, and a painting of the late King Hussein I—was in Jordan's sand-colored brick embassy in Northwest Washington, D.C., a utilitarian building with a hilltop location amid private homes and embassies. "The view from here is beautiful," he said, but he often saw the city "from the backseat of a car."

By day, Kawar met with government officials, media, lobbyists, and business leaders; evenings found him giving talks and attending two or three dinners and functions a night. Weekends he remained on call but tried to reserve for family—his wife Luma (Halazon) '89, a Jordanian who majored in economics at BC, and their three children. Home was the ambassadorial residence in McLean, Virginia.

Kawar came to government from the private sector. After graduating at age 20 from the Carroll School of Management with majors in finance and computer science, the Amman native returned to Jordan to start a company marketing the Macintosh platform to businesses. Realizing there was little software available in Arabic, he started a second company to develop more, and within two

decades had built 10 information technology companies. Kawar led Jordan's REACH initiative aimed at developing the country's information technology industry, and in 1999 was appointed to the national Economic Consultative Council, created to advise the ascendant king, Abdullah II, on economic issues.

A member of Jordan's tiny Greek Orthodox community (Christians make up 6 percent of the Jordanian population), Kawar holds up his personal success as testament to his country's tolerant, open society. Unlike its oil-rich neighbors, he says, Jordan has few natural resources—"our investment is in our human resources." His message as ambassador: "We are an oasis of peace in a desert of turmoil," coupled with a recitation of reforms at home involving free trade, freedom of the press, advanced telecommunications networks, privatization of public institutions, and increased political and social power for women. "Having been posted in Washington after September 11 [made the job] all the more . . . challenging," he said, "in trying to address some of the stereotypes regarding Arabs and Muslims." Kawar returned to Amman and his businesses, replaced by a new envoy in late January.



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